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TANSEY MYSTERY! ROONEY TALKS



THE TWO "JIMS" - ROONEY AND TANSEY

By Keith Gilmour

Heidelberg Warriors' player-coach Jim Rooney is shocked by the omission of left-back Jim Tansey from the Socceroo squad.

Nineteen players have been selected to enter the first of two four-day training camps on April 6.

"I can tell you it will be bad for Australia if Tansey is not included," ex-Socceroo Rooney said.

Tansey has been regularly out of action this season

due to a mystery knee injury.

But he has recovered and is ready to play against Sydney Slickers next Sunday.

"He feels O.K. and

trained well last week," Rooney said.

Conflicting medical opinions indicated ligament damage and also a cartilage.

Then it was found that a small cyst was causing pressure. Certainly Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf should include Tansey in the squad of 22 nominated

in advance to FIFA for the Anzac Day match in Auckland.

Rooney has more good news — for his own club. Jamie Paton is on the way back, and it might not be more than two weeks before he is match fit.

The 19 Socceroo players will drop back to 16 for the New Zealand game.

Chosen so far are: Goal-

keepers: Allan Maher, Greg Woodhouse. Defenders: Steve Perry, Tony Henderson, John Yzenboorn, Steve Blair, Ivo Prskalo, Alan Niven. Midfielders: Alan Davidson, Ken Boden, Murray Barnes, Joe Senkalski, Steve Hogg. Forwards: Peter Sharne, Mark Janakovich, Gary Cole, John Kosmina, Eddie Krncevic, Baz Giampaolo.

TWO "OLD" ROOS LINK UP AT RIVERWOOD

By Brad Earl

Georgie Harris is back, joining Riverwood and linking up with his old team-mate from St George, N.S.W. and Australia days, Atti Abonyi.

Atti is now coach of the N.S.W. Coca-Cola State League outfit.

The team haven't had the best of starts to the season, but look to be on to improve. The signing of Harris last week should strengthen the side even more.

George had 12 years at St George, serving the club well in that period before being given a free transfer at the end of the 1979 season. Blacktown, entering their first season in the PSL, snapped him up, and he was one of the stars who steered them through a rough year, finally pulling clear of the relegation zone.

But after transfer hassles with the Demons at the beginning of the year, he hasn't played a match in 1981.

"I was ready to retire, the way things had gone with Blacktown, and if it hadn't been for Atti I would have," George said.

"I'd reached the stage where I wasn't too interested. But I got itchy feet not playing, and it was a big move to give it away after about 13 years of playing, first in the State League and then in Philips League. I'll be helping Atti out, and he'll

be helping me out in getting back into Soccer," he said.

"George's physical fitness is never any problem, as he's been training through the summer, but it's just match practice he's short on. But it shouldn't take him long to get over that hurdle," Atti Abonyi said.

It didn't, because Harris lined up as stopper for Riverwood against Avala in Riverwood's first win of the season on Sunday, and "he played a very solid game, tackled very hard; it was a typical George-Harris game," in Abonyi's words.

"He can play at right-back or stopper, and I'd prefer him to play at stopper at this stage. He's a good organiser, determined and enthusiastic, and I feel that he'd be more beneficial in the middle of the park."

Harris is not really worried about his position. "I've played all positions in defence, on the right, in the centre, and on the left, and I also played in midfield in my younger days."

And how many years does he think he'll continue playing?

"Five years. That's a rough estimate," was George's typical reply.



AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY at Riverwood training last week. Georgie Harris lines up in his new shirt with coach and former St George team-mate, Atti Abonyi.

EDITORIAL

Australia's World Cup chances should be well and truly known within the next few weeks.

Success in the April 25 match against New Zealand in Auckland would surely inspire the Socceroos to similar success in Sydney in the return game in May.

With the Kiwi hurdle safely negotiated, Australia would then be in the box seat to win the Oceania Group.

On the other hand if the New Zealanders get one, or, perish the thought, two victories over Australia, we can forget all about Spain 1982 and start planning for 1986.

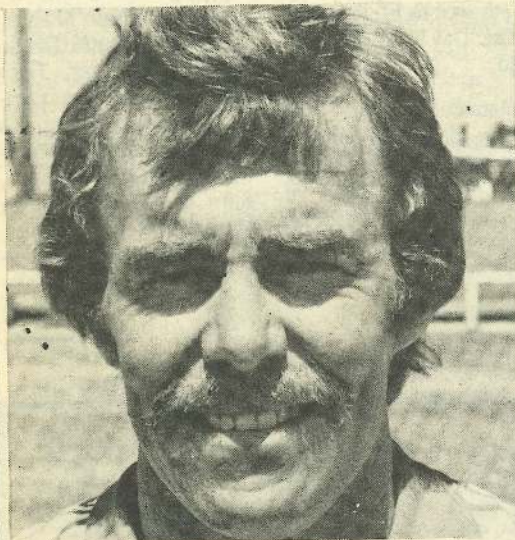
So it is impossible to over-stress the importance of the NZ matches.

Australia usually manages to eliminate New Zealand from World Cup qualifying competitions, but not without a struggle.

Will this pattern be followed this year?

We have an uneasy feeling that the struggle will be even harder this time than it was in 1973 and 1977. Consider these points:

- If the quality of the New Zealanders playing in the Philips League is any guide, NZ has the strongest squad it has ever fielded in the World Cup. Men like Clive Campbell, Duncan Cole, Brian Turner, Richard Wilson and Glenn Dods are good enough to take their



CLIVE CAMPBELL

place in any company. They are players of substance.

- Australia's prospective Cup team returned from its world tour with tails between legs, stricken by clear hostility between coach and players and in worrying disarray.

- The Socceroos most accomplished forward, Kenny Boden, has been bedevilled by doubt and indecision for weeks because somebody failed to ensure he was an Australian citizen.

- New players have been summoned to squad training in recent weeks, emphasising that Rudi Gutendorf does NOT have a settled squad.

One doesn't have to be defeatist to start thinking that maybe New Zealand could defeat the Socceroos this time.

It would be a sad state of affairs if that did happen, because money has been spent unstintingly on Australia's 1982 World Cup preparation. Obviously the Australian Soccer Federation seeks a fair return for its investment: it seeks from its coach and players a place in the sun in Spain next year.

Australia will never have a better opportunity to qualify. With the door opened (probably temporarily) to two, rather than one, qualifier from Oceania/Asia, it is in theory, now twice as easy to qualify.

ASW believes Australia will be in Spain for next year's World Cup. But forgive us if we entertain serious misgivings about those two encounters with the New Zealanders.

We must keep our fingers crossed.

PHILIPS CUP

HAKOAH SCORE UPSET WIN

By Greg Blake

Hakoah stunned a large Olympic Park crowd in Melbourne last Wednesday by coming back from a goal deficit to defeat Essendon Croatia in their second round Philips Cup tie 3-1.

After an early burst by Hakoah which saw Richie McLunie miss from close range, Croatia settled into their stride and looked set to go on to an easy victory and in fact should have sown up the match in the first half.

Ken Murphy had put the Reds in front after only 21 minutes when he ran in unmarked and got his head to a Carl Gilder cross and successive chances then fell to Batanovic, who missed from two yards, and Mitten after a lovely run in which he beat three men only to loose the ball inside the area.

The second half continued in the same vein with Essendon always looking the likely winners until big Graham French equalised in the 70th minute and Hakoah came to life.

McLunie atoned for his first half miss when he put Hakoah in sight of a shock victory shortly afterward and Stan Webster capped off a memorable night for the small band of Hakoah supporters by adding a third just before full-time.

Score: Hakoah 3 (French, Webster, McLunie); Essendon Croatia 1 (Murphy)
Referee: J. Johnson
Attendance: 5,500 (double-header)

PHILIPS LEAGUE

RESULTS OF ROUND SIX:

BLACKTOWN C. - SOUTH MELBOURNE 2:2
Culina, Cuk(BC), Cummings, Evans(SM)
NEWCASTLE KB - WOLLONGONG 1:1
Drinkwater(N), Fontana(W)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC - SYDNEY CITY 2:2
Raskopoulos, Gavin(SO), Boden, Barnes(SC)
WEST ADELAIDE - LEICHHARDT 1:2
Brown(WA), Giampaolo, O'Connor(L)
MARCONI - CANBERRA ARROWS 0:2
Valeri 2.
FOOTSCRAY - ADELAIDE CITY 1:1
Cozzella(F), Mitchell(AC)
BRISBANE LIONS - PRESTON 2:1
Hogg, Bryce(BL), Cullen(P)
HEIDELBERG - BRISBANE CITY 2:0
Bozikas, Yankos.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

5. Boden(SC)
4. O'Connor(L), Valeri(CC)
3. Evans, Christopoulos(SM), Cullen, Ollerton(P), Paton(H)
2. Campbell, McBreen, Dunleavy(WW), Boyle(WA), Koussas, Laing(SO), Kosmina, Gomez(SC), Cummings(SM), Brown(P), Drinkwater, McLelland, Buckley(N), Hughes(L), Bozikas, Cole(H), Illioski, Cozzella(F), Wilkinson, Palinkas(BC), Hogg(BL), Culina(BL, C).

PRESTON SUFFER CRUEL FATE

By Peter Georgiou

After 120 minutes of play which failed to produce a winner, Heidelberg eliminated Preston from the Philips Cup on penalties by 5-3 (1-1 after extra-time).

The penalty kick that eliminated Preston was kicked by Flavell when the score — on penalties — was 2-1 to Heidelberg.

Olver blocked the shot but referee Bob Mee ruled that Olver had moved and the penalty was taken again but a very nervous Flavell kicked it wide while Olver received a yellow card for bad language.

The game itself had everything that was required from a Cup tie except a winner, even after extra-time.

After a scoreless first half, where Preston was the dominant team, Heidelberg shocked its fans by conceding an own goal in the 52nd minute when McMillan, in his attempt to clear a curly shot from Doug Brown, sent the ball into his own net.

After the goal, the game became more attractive as both teams tried to score and one can only praise the brilliant performance of Bobby Provan, in the centre of Heidelberg's defence, who held the determined Preston from doubling the score.

Playing a lot better than in previous performances, Heidelberg moved well up-front and in the centre while the defenders were having a very good game holding Preston from scoring.

The Warriors equalised in the 63rd minute when Bozikas, in an attempt to shoot for goal, lobbed the ball over the head of Kastner and Gary Cole grabbed the chance and headed home.

Preston had an excellent chance to win the tie in extra-time when Doug Brown, who had a quiet night due to tight guarding from Taylor, took advantage from a bad kick by Provan and moved with the ball into the penalty area, alone, only to lose control and a perfect winning chance.

So after a draw that lasted 120 minutes, the penalties had to be taken and the progressive score was:

Cole(H) 1-0
Ollerton(P) 1-1
Yzendoorn(H) 2-1
Flavell(P) missed. 2-1



JIMMY ROONEY

Taylor(H) 3-1
Petrovski(P) 3-2
Campbell(H) 4-2
Lucchessi(P) 4-3
Rooney(H) 5-3

Man of the match was certainly Bobby Provan while the rest of the defenders did very well and Rooney had a good game.

From Preston best were Faulkner, Petrovski and Lucchessi.

Yellow cards were shown to McMillan (Preston), Cole and Olver.

Ref: B. Mee; Crowd: 6,000

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Yankos, Yzendoorn, Provan, Rooney, Taylor, Selemidis, Bozikas (Tasefsky 70), Campbell, Cole.

PRESTON: Kastner, Flavell, Beech, Petrovski, Higham, Faulkner, Lucchessi, Brown, Cullen, Ollerton, McMillan (Rainey 90).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1 Blacktown City			0:1	2:2												2:2
2 Newcastle KB	1:1			1:1										3:0		
3 Leichhardt		2:1											2:2		0:0	
4 Wollongong	1:1											3:1	2:1			
5 South Melbourne										1:0	2:1	1:0				
6 Preston									0:1	3:1	3:0					
7 Adelaide City								0:1	0:1	3:1						
8 Brisbane City									0:0	3:0					2:1	
9 Sydney City							1:1			5:0						1:0
10 Canberra City						0:0	2:0									1:2
11 Marconi					1:0	1:1	0:2									
12 Sydney Olympic				2:2	3:1	2:2										
13 Heidelberg			0:3	2:3	2:0				1:0							
14 Footscray			2:1	1:2	1:1				1:2							
15 Brisbane Lions		0:1	1:1	2:1												
16 West Adelaide	2:0	0:1	1:2													

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....	3	0	0	4-1	6	1	2	0	6-5	4	6	4	2	0	10-6	10
WOLLONGONG	2	1	0	7-3	5	1	2	0	5-2	4	6	3	3	0	11-5	9
SYDNEY CITY.....	2	1	0	7-1	5	1	1	1	3-4	3	6	3	2	1	10-5	8
NEWCASTLE K.B.	1	2	0	5-2	4	2	0	1	3-2	4	6	3	2	1	8-4	8
CANBERRA ARROWS.....	1	1	1	3-2	3	1	2	0	3-0	5	6	3	2	1	6-2	8
LEICHHARDT	1	2	0	4-3	4	2	0	1	4-3	4	6	3	2	1	8-6	8
BRISBANE CITY	2	1	0	5-1	5	0	2	1	2-4	2	6	2	3	1	7-5	7
MARCONI.....	1	1	1	2-3	3	2	0	2	3-7	4	7	3	1	3	5-10	7
PRESTON.....	2	0	1	6-2	2	1	0	2	4-5	2	6	3	0	3	10-7	6
BRISBANE LIONS.....	1	1	1	3-3	3	0	2	1	2-3	2	6	1	3	2	5-6	5
HEIDELBERG.....	2	0	2	5-6	4	0	1	2	4-7	1	7	2	1	4	9-13	5
WEST ADELAIDE	1	0	2	3-3	2	1	0	2	3-4	2	6	2	0	4	6-7	4
ADELAIDE CITY.....	1	0	2	3-3	2	0	2	1	2-4	2	6	1	2	3	5-7	4
BLACKTOWN DEMONS.....	0	2	1	4-5	2	0	2	1	2-4	2	6	0	4	2	6-9	4
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	1	2	0	7-5	4	0	0	4	0-10	0	7	1	2	4	9-15	4
FOOTSCRAY.....	1	1	2	5-6	3	0	0	3	1-8	0	7	1	1	5	6-14	3

"UNCLE JOE" PUTS COACHING SCHEME TO MINISTER

By KEITH GILMOUR

Joe Vlasits, doyen of Australian soccer coaches and former national boss, has made a big move to put coaching of junior soccer players on a firm basis.

He recently discussed his scheme with the NSW Minister of Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Ken Booth.

The minister and his chief advisers were taken with the scheme, especially as they themselves have done some planning along these lines.

It is to be hoped that the work "Uncle Joe" has put in will provide the launching pad for a long-awaited professionally conducted move to upgrade soccer teaching in NSW.

Here is the vital points from the Vlasits plan:

Continued development and improvement of Soccer standards in any country depends on the encouragement and coaching of general players between the ages of 13 and 16.

In this age period, players make the decision to stay with the game and administrators and coaches learn whether the young players have the Soccer potential and personal qualities required to succeed.

This age group provides the bridge for natural progression from enthusiastic child to accomplished youth and ensures continuity for an assured supply of young players for State and national league and for State and national teams.

In Yugoslavia, national league clubs employ teams of coaches, all

of equal status under a chief coach, who may coach first team or the juniors, or any team in between.

In Italy, candidates on the four-year professional coaching course must decide whether they want to specialise in coaching seniors or juniors.

Both qualifications have equal status but they are not interchangeable.

They are specialised qualifications leading to specialist appointments equally highly regarded.

Australia will continue to lag behind the rest of the world until it is able to introduce a similar system.

We need to devise ways of selecting juniors of sufficient talent and potential to succeed in the game and then providing them with the means of developing their talents and qualities to the full.

This can be done in two ways:

- By training enough coaches of sufficient ability and dedication and providing the resources to ensure that all junior Soccer players receive the best possible coaching from the time they start to play the game.

- By selecting boys at 13, 14, 15 and 16 who have the potential for success and providing them with a continued

programme of specialised training to ensure that their potential is realised.

Ideally both these methods should be introduced and operated alongside each other.

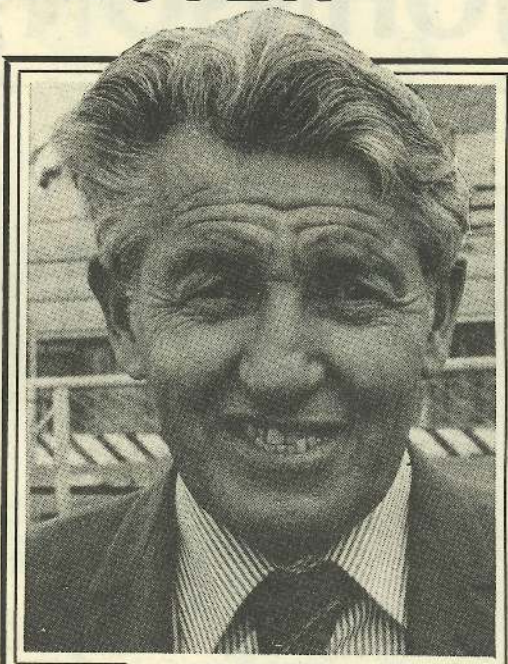
But the number of coaches and the financial, physical and material resources required for this are beyond Australia's capacity to provide.

For this reason, it would be more realistic to introduce first a scheme to extend the national youth development plan to include continuous specialist coaching for Under-13s, 14s, 15s and 16s.

Any national scheme in Australia must be run on a State by State basis, and it is logical to look to New South Wales to give a lead, as it has in the past, for the improvement and progress of Australian Soccer.

One outstanding example of this is the establishment of a new permanent home for NSW Soccer at Parklea, by an imaginative and massive expansion of the site and concept initiated there 16 years ago by the NSW Federation treasurer, Mr Charles Valentine and the NSW branch of the Australian Soccer Coaches' Federation.)

Apart from its destined future as a permanent home and headquarters for Soccer in this State, Parklea could become the natural centre and showpiece for the



JOE VLASITS

development of outstanding players in the 13-16 years age group.

For the plan to be effective State-wide at minimum cost and inconvenience, other centres could be established in the Central West and the Riverina.

Parklea would remain the model and the showpiece.

The Central West centre could be in the Orange-Bathurst area and the Riverina centre in the Narrandera-Leeton area, as they are the geographical and transport centres of their regions.

There may be other considerations which influence the choice of other locations such as Griffith or Wagga in the Riverina, but these could be decided after further detailed study.

The costs of putting the scheme into effect would not be prohibitive but they

might be beyond present capacity when so much is already being done to raise standards of the game in a number of ways.

However, costs could be reduced by making the scheme at least partially self-supporting by imposing moderate charges on the players selected to take part.

The central factors in the scheme are:

Five-day residential courses for each age group during each of the three school holidays every year (January, May and August-September) in each of the three centres.

Periodic three-day residential courses in each of the three centres for each age group during the long week-ends in January, at Easter, in June and October.

Fortnightly 2-3 hour training sessions, 26 times a year, in each of the three centres.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY



MARCONI
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WHO WILL SAMPLE THE DELIGHTS OF A ROMAN HOLIDAY?

There is tremendously keen rivalry among top players in the Philips Soccer League for the honour of being voted "player of the year."

The AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY - MARCONI TRAVEL trophy offers a fabulous prize.

At the end of the 30 rounds in the PSL premiership, the player topping the points list will be given a return air ticket to Rome, the romantic eternal city, flying Alitalia.

If you've checked recently on international air fares, you'll have an idea of the value of that prize.

ASW, in association with Marconi Travel (Labbozetta brothers), is running the contest.

For details of how the voting is assessed, turn to the centre page spread on Pages 8 and 9.

It's interesting to note that some of the biggest names among PSL players are not yet among the contest leaders.

For instance... where's Peter Sharpe? Where's Kenny Boden? And what happened to Alan Davidson? Or Jim Hermiston?

It seems this will be a difficult contest for anyone to win, but this all adds to the excitement. Who would have guessed that the comparatively unknown Terry Byrne from Canberra Arrows would be setting such a hot pace?

Of course, these are early days. There is a long way to go with tons of time for the heavyweights to join the leading bunch.

The contest winner will receive the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL trophy to go along with his Alitalia flight tickets. It will be a permanent memento of his win.

In conjunction with the "player of the year" competition, we are also conducting a goalscoring contest.

There will be a portable colour TV for the PSL player who tops the scoring lists at the end of the season.

With the votes from the weekend round now included, here is the situation in our "player of the year" contest:-

- 11 - Terry Byrne
- 10 - Arthur Xanthopoulos
- 9 - Jim Campbell, Clive Campbell, Peter Katholos, Allan Maher
- 8 - David Mitchell, Dennis Boland, Malcolm McClelland, Paul Wilkinson
- 7 - Doug Brown, Peter Boyle
- 6 - Jovan Djordjevic, Gary Byrne, Peter Wilson (Leichhardt)
- 5 - Stuart Selva, Walter Valeri, Robbie Cullen, Alun Evans
- 4 - Gary Meier, Baz Giampaolo, Jim McBreen, John Nyskohus, Ken Boden, Richard Wilson, Phil O'Connor, Chris Dunleavy, Vince Bannon, John Kosmina, Peter Tymczyszyn, Alan Niven, Bugsy Nyskohus, Tony Henderson, Joe Senkalski, Peter Ollerton, Col Bennett, Ljube Petrovski, Tony Brennan, Dan Jovanovic
- 3 - Jim Hermiston, Jim O'Reilly, Agenor Muniz, Neil McGachey, Ian Souness, Joe Watson, Houssein Housseini, Paul Reaney, Billy de Graaf, Paul Ontong, Martyn Crook, Brian O'Donnell, Martin Coe, Joe Picioane, Roy Drinkwater, Greg Woodhouse, Garry Marocchi, Gary Cole, Steve Perry, Andy Bozikas, Derek Laing,
- 2 - Zdenko Kafka, Lyle Bryce, Frank Pimblett, Jimmy Rooney, Dennis Colusso, Cliff Pointer, Bobby Russell, Steve Hogg, Arthur McMillan, Ian Bruce,
- 1 - Kiri Kyriakoulous, Jimmy Dunne

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F.A. CUP FINAL TOUR PLANS

The Wembley Cup Final tour, organised by TRAVEL-STRENGTH, and first mentioned in last week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, will depart from Sydney Airport on Wednesday April 29 and return on Wednesday May 13.

In addition to getting tickets for the English F. A. Cup Final at Wembley (May 9) and Rugby League Cup Final at the same ground on May 2, there will be magnificent optional tours in the Yorkshire countryside.

These include a visit to Yorkshire's oldest brewery, Samuel Smith's at Tadcaster and a trip through James Herriot country where the TV series, "All Creatures Great and Small", is made.

Accommodation is in top hotels in London and Hull (11 nights with all meals).

Air fares (British Airways), tours, Cup Final tickets and hotel rooms are all included in the package for \$2,479.

Here is the projected itinerary:-

Thursday 30 April
Friday 01 May AM - To training grounds to view the Rugby League teams preparing for the match.
PM - Video recordings of the Semi Finals.
Saturday 02 May AM - Free.
PM - Wembley Stadium for the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final. After the match transfer by coach to Hull.

Sunday 03 May Full day excursion by coach to York.
Monday 04 May Captain Cook Heritage Trail and full day excursion visiting the Museum at Captain Cook's birthplace in Marton, his schoolroom in Great Ayton, Staithes and Whitby.
Tuesday 05 May James Herriot Tour - full day excursion in glorious Herriot country, visiting places featured in the books films and TV Series.

Wednesday 06 May AM - To Tadcaster for guided tour of Samuel Smiths Yorkshire's oldest brewery.
PM - 'Real Ale' pubs in North Yorkshire including lunch at the Tempest Arms, with mine host Peter Parfitt, former Middlesex and England Cricketer.
Thursday 07 May Tour of the City of Hull including the medieval Old Town, The Town Rocks Marina, Tour of the Guildhall, visit to two rugby league stadiums in the city, the Humber Bridge, and time for

shopping, with generous party discounts, specially negotiated for the visit (negotiations under way for coffee with the Lord Mayor of Hull).
Transfer by coach to London

Friday 08 May
Saturday 09 May AM - Free.
PM - Wembley Stadium for the F. A. Cup Final.
Sunday 10 May Free for sightseeing in London.
Monday 11 May Transfer to airport and depart for home.
Price: Ground arrange. \$1205.00
Airfare \$1274.00
TOTAL \$2479.00

Price Includes:

- 6 nights accommodation with Dinner, Bed and Breakfast in twin bedded rooms at the Crest Hotel in Hull.
- 5 nights accommodation with Dinner, Bed and Breakfast in twin bedded rooms in the Crest Motel Wembley.
- Lunch at the Tempest Arms in Yorkshire.
- Admission tickets for the F. A. Cup Final on 9 May.
- All coach travel and excursions.
- All transfers.

If you are interested in this Wembley Cup Final trip, write to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, Sydney, NSW 2007 with your name and address and phone number.

★ ★ STAR INTERVIEW ★ ★

MIKE JOHNSON
TALKS TO BRAD EARL

Mike Johnson is one of the survivors of the coaching business in Australia. He keeps bobbing up when many people think he's finished, and that is probably due to his dedication to the game of Soccer.

He knows exactly what he wants, both from his players and from himself. And he is prepared to work hard to get what he wants.

Mike Johnson is recognised as one of the best talkers in Soccer. A keen student of the game, he is always ready to discuss Soccer from A to Z. He has as abiding passion for Soccer and his enthusiasm has no limitation.

This presented AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a problem when we put our tape on Johnson for "Star Interview". The interview ran to more than twice normal length.

Either we had to brutally chop much of the interesting Johnson interview or divide it in half and publish it over two weeks. ASW chose the latter alternative. So here is Part One of Brad Earl's talk with Mike Johnson:

Q: Can you tell us about your background, Mike?

A: Well, I was an English professional, playing for Newcastle United in their first team at 17 in the first division, at a time when that club was pre-eminent in England when Jackie Milburn and other legendary names were playing for Newcastle — they won the Cup two years in a row in that period. Then I went on to play for Fulham and Brighton and Doncaster Rovers before coming to Australia in the 60s to play for South Coast United, and I played in the Grand Final in 1963 — I scored two goals in a shock 4-0 win over Apia.

I suffered a bad injury, and went back to England in the late 60s and studied coaching and then returned to Australia in 1969 to coach and play with Sutherland.

Q: What would be your highlights as a player?

A: Scoring two goals on my debut for Fulham against Charlton Athletic would be one, going to Wembley as a reserve for Newcastle United at 17, for the FA Cup final against Blackpool in which Stanley Matthews played, and in Australia, scoring two goals in the Grand Final, but the highlight of my playing career was as a player-coach with Sutherland when we got promoted, which was the most emotional experience in my life, Soccer-wise.

Q: How did you get on as a coach?

A: The first year with

Sutherland the team finished third, the second year it finished second, and the third year it finished first and won promotion into the first division. That was three years of solid graft.

That year, with a bunch of young players, the team finished midway up the table, which was considered a very big achievement at that time, because we didn't spend any money and it was normal for teams to go down pretty quickly with the likes of Hakoah, Apia and St George in the first division. Among those young players through that period were Alan Griffiths who played for New South Wales, John Roche, Allan Maher, Steve Perry and Colin Bennett who all played for Australia.

So the development of the young players plus the team performance produced an offer to me from St George to take over from Frank Arok in 1973. At that time I had been coaching Sutherland for four years and I had just started a five-year contract with them.

However I decided to join St George and became a full-time coach, whereas previously I had been a full-time journalist and a part-time coach. I was forced into the position because of problems with employment and my Soccer commitment. I didn't want to take the St George job because (a) I didn't think I was ready for it, and (b), more especially, the problems associated with so many national team players involved in the World Cup. First year we finished third in the league, and the second year we were fifth.

Then I lost my position, and was replaced by John Warren and Manfred Schaefer. Subsequently St George re-employed me about three years later, as

Director of Coaching!

Q: What did you do in the meantime?

A: Well after St George, I joined the insurance industry. That's when I started forming my business which is still going very successfully, so I'm indebted to St George for giving me the sack, to allow me to get into business!

But it did not help my coaching career; it was a terrible blow.

Q: So you took a virtual break from Soccer for...

A: A couple of years. In one of those years I did coach an amateur team one night a week while I was developing my business and they became Champion of Champions.

Q: In 1977, the Philips League started, and then came one of your most bitter experiences.

A: Yes, that gave me the chance to get back into Soccer. West Adelaide advertised for a coach, and I applied and they were very keen to take me. As far as I'm aware they didn't look for any other applicants after I applied. I asked for and was granted a three-year contract, and result-wise the experience at Adelaide was excellent. I was there six months, from the January through to June, and after what must have been about 20 games, both competition and friendly games, I lost my position, again the team being in fifth position with another side on goal average. We'd lost two games only, one 1-0 to Western Suburbs who were top of the league, and the other 2-1 to Marconi who were second-top. After I lost my position, the next two games were against Mooroolbark and Brisbane City, who were bottom and second-bottom of the league.

I would have expected to have won those games, and

we would have been in about third position, but the side drew one and lost one of those two games, and I had stayed to see those games and the team got booed for the very first time. I was never booed down there!

The team subsequently plummeted down the league, and had all sorts of disciplinary problems which they never had under me — no-one ever got sent off under me, but in one game later on in Sydney they got six yellow cards.

That was a very disillusionary experience for me, in-as-much as I moved on a three-year contract, moved my house, I had to have someone else look after my business, so I could commit myself for three years. With this tremendous dislocation of my life, both my business life and my family life, to lose a position after losing two games in six months was quite shattering actually. Not shattering, because I was never shattered; if anything it made me more determined and still does, but it was rather sickening. However that is one of the problems of Australian Soccer. It can be rather sickening — the amateurishness of some of the player attitudes, and more especially, more especially, the committee attitudes.

Q: After that, you came back with more ambition.

A: Yes, I came back with renewed determination, to show people and myself that I am a top coach, which I believe I am. I came back to Sydney and the following season, St George appointed me as Director of Coaching for their junior system for the whole St George district and I also coached one of the club's reserve teams. Halfway

through that season, Apia approached me to become their first team coach after they sacked their coach, Danny McKinnon. I was a bit reluctant to go there because I'd had the experience myself of losing a position, and I didn't want to precipitate somebody else losing a position. But they said they were going to sack Danny anyway, so I said well, alright, I'll take the job.

I was there four months, and when I took over the team was eighth and we finished in sixth position that season. The following year, Apia got in the Philips League, but they said they only wanted a full-time coach, and I wasn't prepared to do that if I was offered it. Jimmy Adam was appointed full-time, and I later joined Wollongong United.

There's no way I'm going to coach as a full-time coach again after my previous experiences.

That's not to say I won't put in a full-time commitment, because at Wollongong, where I am now, I would say I put in more hours than any full-time coach in this country, or certainly as many.

I'm there from four o'clock each day till 8.30, and often I'm going down during the day. One day last week I was down at 1.30 with Robert Giraldo the striker who was on shift work, finished about three o'clock, four o'clock I was coaching the goalkeepers, six o'clock the squad, and finished the training at eight, and home at nine. Also I had been coaching from five to six in the morning with the juniors. So what I'm trying to say is that I'm giving the same commitment as any full-time coach.

I've said for several years now that full-time coaches under a part-time players set-up are a waste of money. What do they do with the rest of their time? Sitting down at home, or doing meaningless office work. I will not be a full-time coach under the set-up as it is now.

With my business, I CAN work my Soccer around it to coach part-time. What I'm saying is: (a) I won't coach full-time, because of the system; (b) you don't need to at this present time anyway; (c) I can still put in the same amount of hours as any full-time coach.

Q: You built a team last year, but then in the summer, you lost a lot of players, including four to the PSL side in Wollongong.

A: We finished third in the first division and missed promotion by a point from Polonia and won the Grand Final. Then four of the lads went to the Philips League team, and as well as that the captain has become a player-coach in Wollongong. So I lost five players, and we haven't bought any, because there's no money there to do that, but we've replaced them with local players.

STRAIGHT
SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS



Some day, we must learn how to accept defeat without showing bad sportsmanship. We must also realise that the premiership, cup or a qualification can be gained by one team and not by 16.

If that is understood by spectators and administrators the coaches wouldn't come and go so often. They would remain and build; they would develop. They would field young talents because there wouldn't be any fear of getting the sack.

The bad thing with us, of course is that we are used to crying and screaming — even before we lose. This is something which shows lack of trust in coaches, players and ourselves.

For almost three years, we have been thinking of Rudi Gutendorf as a 'god'. Now, 25 days before the first preliminary World Cup game against New Zealand, some are suggesting the replacement of the 'architect' of our national team.

Why this unexplained fear for an opponent like NZ with equal, or inferior, strength to us? Who can guarantee that Mr Gutendorf won't bring good results from his duties?

That suggestion to dump Gutendorf, from wherever it comes, is not to be taken seriously, because before a big battle, the general is never replaced.

In the few remaining days, it is essential to build up the morale of the players and not reduce it.

The fact that some people want to brand Gutendorf a failure, before he shows his work in formal matches, such as the World Cup games, is unjust.

The German technician for almost three years now, good or bad, has prepared the national team for these games. It would be a good idea to leave him alone to do his task as he knows best, whether Australia qualifies or not.

Unless there is a secret contract which says that Australia MUST go to Spain.....

JOHNSON CASE
SETTLED

By Tom McKain

The coaching fraternity must have been watching the Mike Johnson case with interest, and, perhaps, having second thoughts about contracts following a decision in Johnston's favour last week in Adelaide.

The former English professional appeared to be in the box seat when West Adelaide signed him for the PSL kick-off back in 1977.

But it was only last Monday week that he got some recompense after being dismissed in June of the 1977 season.

Johnson claimed breach of contract and wrongful dismissal.

Although he arrived in Adelaide prepared to go into court, there was

a settlement "outside" which means Johnson will receive \$13,650 to be paid by May 25.

Johnson claimed he signed a three-year contract in October 1976 for an annual salary of no less than \$10,000.

His court claim was for \$25,000 in salary for the final two and a half years of his contract.

The matter went to the Supreme Court before Chief Justice King.

But after Johnson's solicitor outlined the case Mr Justice King suggested the parties discuss the matter, and avoid expensive litigation.

After talks lasting two hours, an agreement was reached.

WATCH FOR PART TWO NEXT
TUESDAY

WHAT'S UP DOC?

This week I'd like to talk about the fixture congestion, if that is the right term for it.

I've been reading about Wollongong, who've had a marvellous start to the season, but in the next five or six matches they will only play one at home.

What's the cause of this? It's very difficult to say, because it's true that the organisers, the people who compile the fixtures, must have a little bit of sympathy. But Wollongong have got a genuine complaint, because when you're doing well, as they are, the fans are with you and more and more are coming each week to see the new team who are getting good results.

All of a sudden, through no fault of their own, they find themselves with one home fixture in six weeks.

Although the fans are very keen and very hungry to watch the side, in five or six weeks they can find something else that might tempt them away from Soccer, or appeal to them more. So in other words, one week you've got them, and six weeks later they've all gone elsewhere.

The same could apply to my own club, except our results have not been as encouraging. At the time of speaking to you, we had played six matches, winning one, drawing one and losing four. We have played some great football and some rubbish football.

In trying to compile the side, we had the misfortune to lose a couple of players. Well not losing them: Andy Scott, our centre-forward, hasn't even started the season. He was selected for New South Wales against Dinamo Zagreb, and was injured in training, and is still to play a match for us at this particular stage.

We've had two or three players who weren't just playing well enough to be selected. In view of all that, unlike Wollongong, who are playing very, very well, we started off with a situation, as I say, where we've played six matches so far, four away from home, which we've lost, and two at home.

When you look at the two at home, we've had two "Irish" home games, because, with the cricket situation here, our own home ground, Pratten Park, was unavailable. So the two home games, if you could call them that, one at the Sports Ground against South Melbourne, which was a fantastic match, 2-2, and the other at St George's ground, where we won 3-1, against Adelaide City.

But when you look at it, there've been six away fixtures for us. The home team keeps its own takings on the gate, and in Wollongong's case, with only one game out of six to play at home, they'll have to probably pay out win bonuses and draw bonuses to the players. If there's no money coming in, this can be a tremendous drain on the financial resources.

Ourselves, we must be in a similar position, although I don't look at the financial position of the club, because that has nothing to do

with me. My job is to try and get a winning side, bring in the people, and the rest, by and large, should take care of itself.

Could you imagine Sydney Olympic's situation? You've got to have sympathy for the sponsors who pay a great deal to support the club, and get a little mileage in return, because of all these away fixtures.

Looking at it, it's a little bit unfair, and I'd like to say to the people who compile these fixtures, I know it's not easy: it's all very well complaining about it, but I'd like to ask them to try and look at the type of situation where certain clubs have to play so many games consistently away from home. It's not fair to the spectators. It's certainly not fair to the players, because away games, as we know, are much more difficult to win than home games.

If you have four or five games away on the trot, and you lose them, it can be very discouraging to the players, the club and of course the supporters.

Because as we say in football, winning is a habit, and unfortunately, so is losing.

People may say, well, if they have five away games on the trot, they'll have five home games on the trot. That's true, but with the



ANDY SCOTT

five away games especially, you can have five defeats, and the confidence of the team could go to a very low ebb.

Some other clubs are bound to suffer with five or four consecutive away matches as well, so I say to the officials, if you have made mistakes this year in the compiling of the fixtures, look at it more deeply if you can, and give the clubs all the help you can; because they will give you all the help they can, and we rely on you to do the best you can. It's easier said than done I know, but do try to give a fair allocation of home and away games.

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It's amazing as I've been looking at the game in Australia, and people have been asking me about it,

that for me, personally, the game seems to have gone the full circle.

When I came here, the team was part-time, we had a training ground with no goal-posts, we had to put bags and jackets down! And this is how I started in Glasgow as a young lad. We started with our jackets for goal-posts, and without a cross-bar. The players were part-time, but then I look at the money that's in Soccer today. As part-timers, when I played for Glasgow Celtic for example in 1948, I was on \$18 a week, and I had \$20 a week for the job I was working at.

For a win for that particular club you'd get \$200, but the actual contractual wage for the year was \$18 a week. It's amazing that, after well over 33 years in the game, how most players re-

for the matches, or geeing them up at training: no problems at all. On a Saturday, I find it hard to get excited about the game the next day. This is probably due to the fact that coming from England, being manager of three or four big clubs there, playing in front of 50 and 60 thousand people—and clubs play on the Saturday there, you get very excited on the Thursday and the Friday for the match, and keyed up.

Here the game's played on Sunday, and on Friday and Saturday I find it really hard to motivate MYSELF, or get excited about the game on Sunday; I know full well there's not going to be a marvellous attendance at the match. But in saying that, once it gets underway, I enjoy it tremendously, and that's the important thing.

At the present time, I'm enjoying my stay. People have been fantastic to me, Australians and every nationality.

I've met some old friends from the UK. The only thing is I need about 14 nights in the week with so many folk inviting me out to lunch and dinner. I'm afraid I don't have the time or the energy to go out so often. I've been asked to talk at Sydney University and this is a great honour. I've been asked to go to Orange out in the country and I hope to take up that offer some time. Coaches in Adelaide have asked me to lecture to them.

The new TV program at Channel O, with Rale Rasic got off to a good start and I enjoyed it thoroughly. It's great fun and something fairly new to me. On top of that, I write for two Sydney newspapers which I enjoy a lot, and, of course, I have this regular spot in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY. That's very enjoyable because ASW is purely a sporting paper and I love sporting papers.

As I said, it was smashing working with Rale Rasic on the panel and hope to meet other top sporting personalities on the TV show in coming weeks, such as referees. Federation officials and well-known players...plus some not so well known. All these people have a view to give. So have Rale and I. Let's hope we can keep you entertained.

BY TOMMY DOCHERTY



With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

WHERE THE CASH GOES

Several people have requested more information on the capitation levy which was decided on last year. This levy was brought in because of the lack of funds available to the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

So that all clubs in Australia are aware of the situation, I shall try to establish the reason for the levy.

A survey was done prior to the 1980 Annual Meeting of the A.W.S.A. on the amount of money that each State had to spend each year.

From this information, it was found that on a rotational basis, certain States were disadvantaged each year when sending representative teams to play for their State.

It was decided that, to even up this advantage, a more equitable distribution of funds was necessary.

The Western Australian girls and the Northern Territory Association were found to be constantly paying more than those Associations on the eastern coast of Australia.

In fact, the Western Australians and the N.T. girls were involved in a comparative expenditure of 135 per cent against other percentages ranging from 37% to 98% each year.

It was decided that it was not good enough to adopt a "blow you, I'm alright," attitude and that if women's Soccer was to advance equally around Australia, a more equal way of sharing expenses had to be found.

Consequently, at the adjourned A.G.M. in Adelaide it was decided unanimously by the State delegates that a capitation levy of \$1 from every girl over the age of 10 in all Associations would be made each year starting with the 1981 season.

Going on the 1980 figures, there should be in excess of \$8,000.

At the December executive meeting of the Association, there was considerable discussion on the proposed use of these funds as a monetary commitment and the following formula was agreed to by the Management Committee.

It was agreed to allocate up to \$2,400 towards assisting Western Australia and Northern Territory to participate in the national titles.

It is assumed that the reverse may apply when the Nationals are held in those States.

It was decided that as the Nationals had assumed such importance with regard to displaying the very best there was to offer in women's football, the controlling of such titles could no longer be left to referees.

who did not qualify for the highest grades available.

With this in mind, the Association allocated up to \$1,600 to obtain top referees to control games.

More important with regard to training the junior girls in Associations and clubs, there will be an allocation of \$2,500 to be used for coaching clinics.

This will be distributed at \$250 per State.

The Sports and Recreations Departments of most States have a scheme for allocating funds on a dollar for dollar basis for junior coaching.

As we all know, the money to get girls in Australian teams travelling overseas is a considerable burden on them.

Some of the balance of money remaining will be used to assist representative players from all States to play in international games.

The remaining money will be used to assist the national coach in the performance of his duties, such as preparing girls in coaching camps for the above games.

It was not considered that this extra dollar would impose hardship on girls with club affiliation.

Judging on money spent at canteens etc., this dollar represents the cost of one can of soft drink per girl every fifth week of competition. Looked at in this way, the cost of expanding women's Soccer is not that great.

Nothing worthwhile is gained without some effort and the moderation of the levy demonstrated the reasonable balance which has been struck between the "need" and "reasonable expectation" by the Executive to assess the priorities which will return to most of our Australia-wide membership.

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The newly-appointed coach for the N.S.W. Federation, Andy Clues, seems to be approaching the season on a very professional basis.

Andy has called all last year's squad together and has invited other intended players to join him at training.

Apart from himself and his official assistant coach, Trixie Barry, he has two other trainers and a physiotherapist — all professionals — who make up his training team.



SMILING FACES AT SYDNEY AIRPORT WHEN THE NSW GIRLS STATE SIDE ARRIVED BACK FROM THEIR GREAT TOUR OF THE U.S.A. COACH TRIXIE BARRY WITH TOP SCORER KIM LEMBRYK (left) AND CAPTAIN KERRY DOLAN.



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SOCCER LEAGUE

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 7 - SUNDAY, APRIL 5:

MATCH: Adelaide City Giants v Brisbane Lions
VENUE: Olympic Sports Field
KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Rossis
Linesmen - J. Martell, P. Smallman

MATCH: Preston Rams v Blacktown Demons
VENUE: Conner Reserve
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Yelland
Linesmen - M. Gaut, M. Momont

MATCH: South Melbourne Gunners v Newcastle KB Raiders
VENUE: Middle Park
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm
OFFICIALS: Referee - S. Mellings
Linesmen - J. Brennan, N. Karlich

MATCH: Wollongong Wolves v Leichhardt Strikers
VENUE: Wollongong Showground
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm
OFFICIALS: Referee - G. Power
Linesmen - B. Fowler, P. Hafey

MATCH: Canberra Arrows v Sydney Olympians
VENUE: Bruce Stadium
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Bambridge
Linesmen - N. Murray, M. Welch

MATCH: Sydney Slickers v Heidelberg Warriors
VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm
OFFICIALS: Referee - K. Small
Linesmen - A. Owens, A. Morrison

MATCH: Brisbane Gladiators v Footscray Eagles
VENUE: Spencer Park
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Wood
Linesmen - D. Monteverde, W. Tuckington

MATCH: Marconi Leopards v West Adelaide Hawks
VENUE: Marconi Stadium
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Lorenc
Linesmen - B. Wilkinson, K. Tooke

YOUTH LEAGUE (EASTERN DIVISION) - ROUND 7 SUNDAY, APRIL 5:

MATCH: A.I.S. v Newcastle KB Raiders
VENUE: Bruce Stadium. KICK-OFF: 10.30 am

MATCH: Canberra Arrows v Sydney Olympians
VENUE: Bruce Stadium. KICK-OFF: 12.45 pm

MATCH: Wollongong Wolves v Leichhardt Strikers
VENUE: Wollongong Showground. KICK-OFF: 12.45 pm

MATCH: Sydney Slickers v Blacktown Demons
VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field. KICK-OFF: 12.45 pm

NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

SOUTH MELBOURNE V NEWCASTLE

By David Jack



BRANKO BULJEVIC

This match has every appearance of being a classic.

The form being shown by South Melbourne is delighting their many supporters and they are already talking about winning their first-ever premiership.

Yet, often when optimism runs high, a team will come unstuck. It has happened to even the best of sides, although it is difficult to imagine many teams getting the better of Souths this season.

There is such genuine talent in the Victorian team. Names such as Buljevic, Evans, Davidson, Blair and Xanthopoulos stand tall in

the Philips League.

The Newcastle KB boys, though, are not likely to be intimidated. Coach Alan Vest is a wily campaigner who has demonstrated over the past few years that he knows how to assemble useful teams and motivate them to success.

Vest, in fact, stated recently that KB would finish on top of the PSL this year and, with that sort of confidence in the camp, this game will be no walkover for South Melbourne.

It all adds up to a real tussle. The winners? Odds slightly favour the home team but you might also name the spectators as winners in this one.

SYDNEY SLICKERS V HEIDELBERG

By Keith Gilmour

It should be one of the highlights of the season, but everything now depends upon the Warriors regaining their touch and putting on a creditable showing.

Despite the recent ruinations in the club — ones which incidentally should never have been allowed to occur — Heidelberg were able to throw off their blues and perform at top in their League and Cup engagements with traditional rival South Melbourne, and against Preston in the Cup.

It is not asking too much to expect them to do the same each week as well.

They possess all that is needed for success, but the

Slickers are once again the form team.

The balance arrived with the joining of John Spanos and Steve O'Connor in central defence, and the blossoming combination of John Kosmina and Ken Boden at the front.

At this stage Kevin Mullen, Gerry Gomez, Hilton Silva, Willie Murray and Todd Clarke are all being kept out of the top side!

For Heidelberg to gain a point they will have to smother the confident duo of John Kosmina and Ken Boden — fast becoming the keynote of the Slickers' success. It is a tall order for them.



JOHN SPANOS

PRESTON RAMS V BLACKTOWN DEMONS

By Greg Blake

Blacktown Demons went away to Wollongong to grab a point, defended furiously for 85 minutes and managed to snare a last-gasp equaliser thus succeeding in their quest.

But just like the 1980-style Adelaide City under Rale Rasic, all they really succeeded in doing (apart from grabbing a point) was to bore the pants off the crowd.

Unfortunately, if Rasic wants another point next weekend when the Demons come to Melbourne to meet Preston Rams, we will probably be treated to another performance of this type, as Preston are quickly becoming recognized as one of the most attractive and attack-minded teams in

the competition.

The best the dour Demons could hope for on Sunday is a point against the Rams who are now described by many in glowing terms like flair, excitement and ability. Blacktown are more suited to terms like servicable, workmanlike, well-organized and of having players with good work-rates. All polite ways of saying a struggling team with little chance of success.

Perhaps I am being too critical of a team I have yet to see this season but from all reports, they are not dragging people through the turnstiles with their football. I fail to see them taking anything from Conner Reserve next weekend.

MARCONI V WEST ADELAIDE HAWKS

By Alex Vesic

Marconi's troubles could soon be over. The addition of Joe Piccioane and Houssein Housseini was the tonic this talented side needed to get back on the rails and start to win games more regularly.

With so much speed and aggression up front, Marconi failed to deliver the goods in the opening rounds simply because of inability to create the openings.

Raskopoulos and Henderson played with vigour but lacked creativity and thus



PETER BOYLE

failed to serve their forwards. Gary Byrne has played well in all the games so far but could not make up for the inabilities of his midfield partners.

Senor Blanco's purchases should start to show results.

"Picci" and Housseini are certainly two of the most skilful players in the country. Picci has an uncanny ability to send an opponent the other way and also has a tremendous shot. His distribution might suffer at times, however, when he starts to "enjoy himself".

Krnecic, Jankovic and Sharne, Marconi's speedsters, are sure to see more of the ball with this new midfield combination and they could worry Martyn Crook all afternoon.

West Adelaide surprised Sydney City during their recent visit to the 'big smoke' and just lost by one goal to nil. A couple of weeks later they beat Canberra away from home to show that they are not going to carry the tag of the easybeats.

With Peter Boyle controlling midfield, Marconi will have to dazzle to get both points.

CANBERRA ARROWS V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

By Steve Burns

Sydney Olympians, struggling near the bottom of the table, are Canberra Arrows opponents at Bruce Stadium on Sunday. And local boy Danny Moulis will make his first appearance against the club he served so long and well.

And the fact that Moulis will want a win so badly against his old club could inspire his team-mates.

A strange twist considering his father is Canberra Arrows' President.

Sydney Olympians will need every bit of inspiration they can get.

They are not firing under the care of Tommy Docherty.

The Arrows, in contrast, are showing consistently good early season form.

Coach George Murray has organised a tight defence in which the consistency of stalwarts like Terry Byrne, Roy Stark and Duncan Cole has been outstanding.

Arrows' defensive record is one of the PSL's best. And up front the sheer pace of Brennan will test Moulis and Co. As it does any defence.



DANNY MOULIS

All round, the Arrows look impressive and have been strengthened by the arrival of Scotsman Ian Purdie who is expected to play his first game in the national capital.

His talents in the mid-field are said to be considerable.

ADELAIDE CITY V BRISBANE LIONS

By Tom McKain

Adelaide City Giants will be hoping for a fully fit midfield combine for their home game against Brisbane Lions at Olympic Sports Field — their first true home game this season when they "reclaim" their HQ from the amateur athletics people.

It is now obvious that Giants miss Glenn Dods in midfield, and Brian Northcote, to partner the elegant Gary Marocchi.

Dods is expected to be out at least another week with knee ligament trouble and Northcote is again a week-to-week proposition, with back and hip problems.

Sergio Melta can be a midfield match-winner, but he has been carrying an ankle injury.

Greg Buch, Charlie Villani and Peter Rankin are talented youngsters, but when all four are on the field together the side

lacks maturity.

And it needs maturity and experience to beat Lions, whose Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett seem to improve with age.

Add Alan Niven, being tipped for the Socceroos if he can become an Australian in time, and Paul Ontong, and there is no easy road to goal.

Lions appear to be following their usual policy of playing a pure defensive game away from home, and relying on breaks for goals, and not worrying if none come.

At full strength Giants could take two more points, but it will depend on how many youngsters they have to field, and then on the fitness of the midfield.

And if they have a weakness its leaving themselves open at the back, either by attacking on masse, or trying to overwork the ball in their own area.

WOLLONGONG V LEICHHARDT

By Phil Murphy

The return to the Wollongong scene of local boys Peter Wilson and Phil O'Connor should ensure a large crowd when the Wolves tackle Leichhardt at Wollongong Showground on Sunday.

Wilson has been a favourite with South Coast fans since he came here unknown from the Middlesbrough reserve team back in 1968.

O'Connor came later but made a name for himself with the old Wollongong City team.

Both will be keen to do well in this game and Wollongong coach Ken Morton knows he must contain O'Connor to keep out the Leichhardt attack. There is also the problem of holding Baz Giampaolo.

With Lee Adam now playing a defensive role, the Wolves look good at the back, captain Chris Dunleavy and big Billy de Graaf playing consistently well.

Peter Tredinnick is the form player for Wollongong and he can pose just as much danger as O'Connor on his day.

The game comes at a vital stage for both teams and a win for the home side will give even more impetus to their

Phil O'Connor
great start in PSL.

Both teams are capable of playing open football and it is to be hoped Leichhardt come to Wollongong chasing two points.

BRISBANE CITY V FOOTSCRAY

By Wally Bruce

Just how much disaster remains in the Footscray camp will have a vital bearing on the Eagles' chances against Brisbane City at Spencer Park on Sunday.

Even allowing for the addition of the two new Irish imports, Footscray seemingly have to get their house in order if they are to threaten the Gladiators' unbeaten run.

The most notable absentee likely because of internal discontent is defender Jim Kondarios, who has caused considerable problems during his previous visits to Brisbane.

The Gladiators haven't done much wrong so far this season, although their defence looked decidedly shaky for a long time in their last home outing against Sydney Olympians.

Even the best defenders can have off days and it is unlikely men like Perry, Ratcliffe, Dunne and Wilkinson will allow their level to drop again this time.

One thing which continues in their favour is the outstanding form of custodian Martin Coe, who from memory has pulled off at least half a dozen goalsaving efforts this season.

Footscray as usual will swing the ball around and play "pretty" football, but the Gladiators have some ball-playing artists of their own in Frank Pimblett, Bobby Hamilton and the Eagles "old boy" Joe Palinkas.

How have the clubs fared against one another since 1977? From eight meetings, the Gladiators have been successful only twice, have lost three and drawn three.



JIMMY DUNNE

PSL MATCH REPORTS



The equaliser! Tom Gavin (14) makes the score 2-2 at Pratten Park.

NON-STOP ACTION

By David Jack

We often hear criticism of the standard of Soccer in the Philips League and, to be fair, much of that criticism is earned.

But anyone who went to Pratten Park for the Sydney Olympians v Sydney Slickers match and went home disappointed would be hard to please.

Nobody would suggest it was a classic confrontation. There were far too many mistakes mainly in defence — to give the game that label. Yet we saw non-stop action, with rarely a dull moment, and any number of goalscoring chances.

The sometimes hard-to-please Olympians supporters were all smiles at the finish even though they had been sweating blood during the match, particularly when their favourite team was losing 2-0 and looking well beaten.

The first half was a nightmare for Olympians. They presented Slickers with a present of two goals through slipshod defence.

First guilty man was Ian Rowden, who made a suicidal back header to goalkeeper Gary Meier which Kenny Boden nipped in to intercept — and Olympians were one down after 17 minutes.

After half an hour, it was 2-0, again through a defensive error which gave Murray Barnes a simple opening.

Not wishing to be outdone, Slickers then handed Olympians a goal which should never have been. Peter Raskopoulos took a free kick and his shot went through the hands of goalkeeper Tony Pezzano on its way home.

It was just the tonic those home fans needed. They inspired their team to turn on some excellent football and, when substitute Tommy Gavin replaced Alex Jamieson, Gavin's first touch of the ball in Australian Soccer brought the equalising goal (62 mts).

For Olympians, I thought Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Koussas did particularly well but the wingers Jennings and Laing disappointed. It might be kind not to dwell on the defence!

Slickers enjoyed great territorial superiority in the first half but, once the Olympians started to fire, Slickers faded. Even so, John Kosmina might have scored two goals in the last 20 minutes.

Pick of the Slickers line-up were defenders Bruce, Souness, Spanos and O'Connor.

OLYMPIANS: Meier, Moulis, Ziras, Rowden, Palmer, Jamieson (Gavin 59 mts), Katholos, Raskopoulos, Laing, Koussas, Jennings.

SLICKERS: Pezzano, Souness, Spanos, O'Connor, Bruce, Muniz, Barnes, Patikas, Watson, Kosmina, Boden.

REFEREE: Jim Reeves.

MAN OF THE MATCH — Olympians, Katholos 4 points. Slickers, Souness 3 points.



BRYCE WAS TOP LION

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane Lions finally broke their drought and ended the run of Preston Rams with a 2-1 win at Richlands, to at last give them a little breathing space on the PSL ladder.

Lions had scored only three goals in their previous five matches and looked set to more than double that tally when they put it all together to race to a 2-0 lead after only 27 minutes.

The man who made the difference up front for Lions was country striker Lyle Bryce, who was given his first big chance by being named in the starting line-up by coach Matt Carson.

A player in the Ron Millman mould, Bryce was instrumental in those two early goals as Lions threatened to pile on several more during a most impressive first-half display.

While Lions had this game by the throat in the first 45 minutes, with midfielders Jim McLean and Steven Hogg assisting the front men by continually storming forward, the vaunted Preston attack of Peter Ollerton, Robert Cullen and Doug Brown did not cause many problems.

The first goal came after only 11 minutes, stemming from an Alan Niven cross, which Bryce headed in past the Preston defenders.

Hogg nipped in to shoot, had the shot partially blocked by Lou Kastner, but was able to follow up and finish off.

The second goal resulted from a long Jim Hermiston

pass and as a Preston defender yelled "I've got it", Millman instead flicked the ball on.

Bryce charged through and although he was almost brought down in a tackle, rode it well to hammer home.

Preston threw things wide open with a brilliant 64th minute individual goal from Cullen.

Picking up a thrown out clearance on the half-way line from Kastner, Cullen evaded three defenders during his great run and drew the keeper to finish off a magnificent goal.

Preston came back well after the break and twice Nigel Lownds was under pressure through two screamers from Brown.

Although it was not a bitter match, referee Col Amos handed out four yellow cards, three of them to Preston.

Brisbane Lions — Lownds, Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett, Niven, Hogg, Lindsay, McLean (Konstantinou 53rd), Bryce, Millman, Ferris.

Preston — Kastner, Rainey, Higham, Petrovski (Little 75th), Beech, Faulkner, Flavell, Lucchesi, Cullen, Ollerton, Brown.

Man of the Match: Lions, Bryce 2. Rams, Cullen 2

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THE JEKYLL AND HYDES

By Greg Blake

Struggling Footscray Eagles underlined their reputation as front-runners with a Jekyll and Hyde performance against Adelaide Giants at Schintler Reserve.

The injury-hit Eagles looked set to steamroll their opponents in the first half as they hustled and pushed the Giants, backed up and looked a real team but an equaliser early after the interval changed the pattern of the match and after 90 minutes the home team were barely hanging on for a point.

This 1-1 draw was typical of the Blues this season with young stars like Kakantonis, Curovic and Cozzella bubbling and brimming with confidence and the elder statesmen of the team firing until such time as their opponents show some fight and then the Eagles do their disappearing act.

Only Illioski, Kyriakoulas and Boland performed for 90 minutes of the game against City.

Injuries to Cozzella, Jovanovic, O'Reilly, McLaughlin, Kakantonis and Kondarios did not help their cause but the attitude and air of despondency that is apparent around Footscray is possibly their biggest liability.

But City certainly deserved their point and in fact were extremely unlucky not to take both as they charged home, but even they would admit that had Vasic taken any one of three gilt-edged chances handed to him before the equaliser, Footscray would certainly have wrapped the game up.

The Giants had many dangerous players but none more so than John Nyskohus who continually harassed the Footscray defence.

Bobby Russell played a blinder at fullback whilst Peter Marshall and Charlie Villani were also amongst their best.

The shift of ex-Gunners striker, Steve Kakantonis, into midfield was successful as he provided plenty of drive for Footscray in the first half.

Bruno Cozzella was another young Eagle to shine and his loss to Footscray at half time through illness was decisive.

It was his goal in the 28th minute that shot Footscray into the lead when an Illioski corner was headed down by McLaughlin and the youngster Cozzella knocked it in from close range.

Without creating a dearth of chances Footscray looked the better team until half time but Cozzella's absence prompted coach, Cedo Circovic, into some hasty reorganisation which resulted in Footscray reverting to 4-4-2 with Kakantonis remaining in a rather top-heavy midfield rather than moving into a more obvious striking role.

After half time Vasic twice looked a moral to score, one simple lob abysmally negotiated, but failed, and then from nowhere the Giants equalised when Mitchell was allowed to penetrate a crowded penalty area, control a loose ball, and score from close range in the 58th minute.

The Footscray heads dropped as City came charging home, gathering momentum and at full time the Eagles were barely hanging on to a precious point.

Teams: Footscray: Boland, Hazabent, Kondarios, Kyriakoulas, Milne, Curovic, Illioski, Kakantonis, Vasic (Simic 61), McLaughlin, Cozzella (Parton ht).

Adelaide City: Marshall, B Nyskohus, Perin, Jones, Russell, Signore (Rankin 39), Marrochi, Melta, Mitchell, J Nyskohus, Villani.

Referee: E Venios. Crowd: 1200 approx.

Man Of The Match: Footscray: Boland 2. Adelaide City: Russell 2.

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BLACKTOWN WERE MORAL VICTORS

By Keith Gilmour

Spurred on by the intelligent probing of Jovan Djordjevic the Blacktown Demons held ambitious South Melbourne to 2-2 in a match packed with excitement at Gabbie Stadium.

The Demons positively deserved victory on the totality of play.

They led 2-1 with only five minutes remaining, conceding a late equaliser that caused coach Rale Rasic to roast them at full-time.

They were desperately unlucky not to have been awarded a penalty by referee Tim Davies in the 56th minute, after Djordjevic had been decked by the Gunners' Vince Bannon.

After 30 minutes, it seemed that Rasic's tactics had failed, but from there on until the dying minutes, Blacktown responded to the challenge to give their high-price opposition a football lesson.

Mike Milovanovic, Cliff Pointer and Brian O'Donnell were used to contain South Melbourne's strikers from the centre of the park, and there was no left-back in the formation.

At first, with Alun Evans playing wide and the Gunners turning on some superb passes, it was all one-way traffic and it seemed that the visitors

would be rewarded with two points.

But over this period, the effectiveness of George Christopoulos as striker was blunted and gradually his team fell away.

Before the game, visiting coach John Margaritis admitted that this was the game that worried him, mainly because it was too easy to slip up where in theory two points were in the bag.

Hard-fighting Billy Rogers sent Alun Evans away for the first goal. With the benefit of hindsight Bruce James could have risked being lobbed by coming out, but as it was, Evans shot the ball right under him and into goal.

Culina, who also supplied the corner for the Demons' second goal, netted in the 33rd minute for an equaliser.

Djordjevic passed through, Steve Blair failed to cover and the ball sped into goal from Culina with a little help from the back of right-back Vince Bannon.

Cummings came on for Buljevic and Lutton for Xanthopoulos after half-time, but with Christopou-

los missing twice, the Gunners' time was running out.

Blacktown were playing like "Demons!" It came as no surprise when Cuk went high to head home Culina's 65th minute corner.

Referee Davies gave yellow cards to both Davidson and Djordjevic after a battle in which the latter shaded his rival.

It seemed Blacktown had an upset in their keeping when Cummings scored with his head from a Stevenson cross.

BLACKTOWN: James, Wheatley, Milovanovic, Pointer, Selvage, Djordjevic, Culina, O'Donnell, Burrows (Milosevic 73m), Ortega, Wallace (Cuk 62m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Lauments, V. Bannon, Davidson, Xanthopoulos (Lutton 48m), Blair, Rogers, Stevenson, Christopoulos, Shirra, Evans, Buljevic (Cummings 65m).

Referee: T. Davies.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Blacktown, Djordjevic 2. South Melbourne, Evans 2.

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VALERI'S SHOW

By Alex Vesic

Walter Valeri, the Canberra Arrows striker, scored his third double in four games to help his team down Marconi at the Marconi Stadium and thus continue speculations about the poor form of the Fairfield team.

Valeri's first was a gem of a goal.

Accepting a through pass, Valeri raced into the penalty area followed by Peter Brogan. He moved to his right and with Brogan committed to go to that side Valeri quickly turned leaving the unfortunate Brogan sprawled on the turf.

Alan Maher was still waiting for the shot as a sizzler by Valeri hit the roof of the net.

It was a fine goal and a credit to this young man who consistently shows good form and is just as consistently ignored by the national coach.

His second goal came from a penalty kick. A rather dubious decision by Ken Small, the referee. The ball struck Peter Brogan high on the shoulder, but the referee was in position and quickly pointed to the spot.

Marconi's protest went unheard as Valeri shot past Alan Maher for the second time in the afternoon.

Marconi might have been unhappy by the decision to give Canberra the penalty and thus the second goal, but surely not about the result.

Canberra were always the better side and always in command. In fact, had the Arrows taken their chances, particularly through McLaren and Valeri in the first half, Marconi would have suffered its second high drubbing in only three weeks.

Valeri missed an easy chance in the tenth minute; then McLaren missed after facing Alan Maher in the 20th. To be fair to the Marconi keeper he was one of the few figures

who shone for Marconi. Repeatedly he was called upon to make tremendous saves and he did it with style which has made him the number one keeper in Australia.

Richard Wilson, in goal for Canberra, was not so safe. McLaren inspired several Canberra moves and often found himself in an attacking role, almost scoring on two occasions.

Canberra played fairly well but not above average to down Marconi, which must certainly worry the national coach, Rudi Gutendorf. Peter Sharne was listless, while Eddie Krncevic did little to enhance his chances for the coming games with New Zealand.

It was also curious to see Gary Byrne try his heart out, and in fact outplay most of his opposition on the day, but alas, he is not considered for the national side. Another man who played well and should have caught the eye of the selector was the ex-Socceroo, John O'Shea, whose dominant figure in the middle of the park was a feature of the afternoon.

MARCONI: Maher, Brogan, Henderson, Muir, Degney, Byrne, Housseini, Picioane, Jankovics (Colusso 71), Krncevic, Sharne.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Wilson, M O'Shea, Cole, J O'Shea, Stark, R O'Shea, Byrne, Farrell, McLaren, Valeri, Brennan.

Referee: K Small.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Canberra: Valeri 5. Marconi: Maher 3.



WALTER VALERI

LEICHHARDT'S AWAY WIN

By Tom McKain

It was a pity anyone had to win the game at Hindmarsh Stadium. But as it was Leichhardt Strikers deserved their 2-1 victory for their first points away from home if only because they were capable of taking their chances and held out for the last 15 minutes with only 10 men.

They lost fullback Rod Skellern following a clash with West Adelaide Hawks' striker, Tim Brown, and referee Donald Campbell showed the red card after consulting a linesman on the far side of the field.

Strikers got the first goal of the match in the seventh minute when they counter-attacked after a ton of West pressure, and Baz Giampaolo pushed home a cross from Phil O'Connor.

In the 19th minute it was Brown who nodded in a cross for the Hawks following a good run down the right wing by fullback Zoran Maricic to level the scores.

West then looked as if they would storm ahead with the amount of the ball they had, and the pressure they were exerting — but once again it was Leichhardt who counter-attacked and this time O'Connor dived on the right of the box to steer in a cross from Marshall Soper in the 65th minute.

Saddest man on the park was West midfielder and captain, Neil McGachey.

In the 21st minute he should have scored.

Strikers defender Mark Pullen mistimed a clearance and McGachey raced down the middle of the field, but with only the onrushing Greg Woodhouse to beat lobbed the ball high over the bar, instead of just over the Socceroo goalkeeper.

For West it was a disaster and their confidence vanished for while they continued to attack non-stop their final shots went off-target and when they were between the posts Woodhouse was there to stop the ball, twice in particular from Peter Boyle and Dave Pillans.

At the other end of the field Martyn Crook, challenging Woodhouse for a place in the Socceroo squad, parried what looked like certain goals from Giampaolo and Frank Leyden.

After the match Leichhardt coach, Willie Wallace, would not elaborate on the sending off incident, saying that Skellern did not know why he had been given his marching orders.



Willie Wallace

During a TV replay we saw Skellern and Brown clash and then as the West players prepared for the free kick they had received Leichhardt captain, Peter Wilson, tripped Brown and Campbell booked the big centre-back.

He then waved for the free kick to be taken but held it up as his attention was drawn to the linesman's flag on the far side of the pitch.

After consulting him he ran back to the group of players and showed Skellern the red card.

It was two valuable points for Leichhardt and once again showed the Hawks lack a finishing touch.

Coach, Billy Birch, kept faith with 19-year-old striker, Brown, who got his team's only goal, but Birch will be delighted on Wednesday when his Scottish winger import, Jimmy Wright, at last arrives.

He was due last week but was held up by visa problems.

Wallace, on the other hand, must be delighted with the finishing of \$20,000 striker, Giampaolo, and the tremendous form shown by O'Connor.

The pair had to attack on the break and repeatedly caught out the home defence.

Teams: West Adelaide: Crook, Tymczyszyn, Maricic, McGachey, Topaz, Haig (Reynolds), Boyle, Norris, Honeyman, Pillans, Brown.

Leichhardt: Woodhouse, Skellern, McAusland, Pullen, Wilson, Coyne (Watt), Soper, Giampaolo, Kafka, O'Connor, Leyden.

Referee: D Campbell (SA).

Man Of The Match: West Adelaide: Boyle 3.

Leichhardt: O'Connor 4.

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HEIDELBERG AGAIN

By Peter Georgiou

Heidelberg is on the way up and the win over Brisbane City on Sunday proved it.

Playing with determination, they took the visitors by surprise and moved up the points ladder.

Playing in front of an alarmingly small crowd of 3,500, Heidelberg moved well and it took them only four minutes to open the score through Bozikas who took a loose ball in the penalty area and slammed it into the net.

The visitors protested angrily to the referee, Stewart Mellings, insisting that the ball was pushed by the hand of one of the Heidelberg players.

Mr Mellings, however had a good view of the goal and allowed it.

Brisbane City tried hard to equalise but Heidelberg's defence was doing

well to hold the pressure and organise some counter attacking. In fact it was Arthur McMillan who dribbled his way to the penalty area in the 43rd minute to pass the ball to Selemidis who in turn made a very bad job trying to feed the ball to Gary Cole, thus spoiling a very good chance to double the score.

Despite the generally poor first half Brisbane City tried again to alter the score in the second half without success and it was Heidelberg again going up 2-0 on the 48th minute after Yankos, taking the ball from a corner kick by Bozikas, fired a shot and the ball hit the cross bar before going to rest in the net.

Brisbane City went all out, only to lose two very good chances by Hamilton in the 67th and 68th minutes after two consecutive corners that Heidelberg was forced to give under pressure.

It was then Heidelberg's turn for a taste of bad luck.

In the 74th minute Gary Cole took the ball from Taylor and moved towards City's penalty area. Coe was coming out to block the striker's view. Gary Cole very cleverly lobbed the ball over the goalie's head but he was unlucky as the ball hit the crossbar and went out.

Again Lady luck seemed to dislike Gary as he fired a cannon shot seven minutes

before the end, only to find the hands of Coe on the way. One could say that it was a great save by Coe but I thought the goalkeeper happened to be in the direction of the ball.

Things are looking up for the Warriors as they showed improvement on Sunday despite the absence of key players. Their defence did very well under pressure and young Jeff Olver is credited with a couple of brilliant saves.

The midfielders also did well but the absence of Jim Campbell who is having a striker's role until Paton returns, was felt and made it harder for Kenny Taylor.

Up front Bozikas and Campbell worked very hard and Gary Cole, who seems to be finding his form, was very unlucky not to score.

The visitors tried hard throughout the game and they also missed good chances which could have changed the outcome of the game.

Best from Heidelberg were Rooney, Olver and McMillan while from the visitors Bob Hamilton and Jimmy Dunne were very impressive.

Ref: S. Mellings; Crowd: 3,500

MAN OF THE MATCH:

Rooney (H'berg) 2

Dunne (Br. City) 1

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan (Itso 63), Yankos, Yzendoom, Provan, Rooney, Taylor, Selemidis, Bozikas, Campbell, Cole.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe, Perry, Wilkinson, Dunne, Ratcliffe, Pimblett, Hamilton, Gaffney (Lowe 70), Wilkinson, McVeigh, Palinkas (Caldwell 70).

STEEL — NOT CONSTRUCTION

By Ian Smith

The clash of the two industrial cities, Newcastle and Wollongong, had been billed as the possible match of the season. As the 7,567 fans left the International Sports Centre they were hoping these predictions had been untrue because it left much to be desired.

The man-to-man tactics that appeared to be instructions from both coaches nullified the few creative players who were on the park.

The home team's revamped line-up saw the return of Steve Sumner in midfield and Howard Tredinnick, playing his first full game, at left defence and Graham Heys back at the right wing spot.

The cohesion that had been lacking in recent matches was expected to return

but in fact, Wollongong Wolves clearly had more understanding.

The highlight of the match came in the 23rd minute when Clive Campbell volleyed a hook shot from 25 metres which hit the corner of the woodwork with goalkeeper, Dando, merely watching.

It was just 15 minutes later with Lathan breaking down the outside of KB's 16 metre box that three KB defenders went to try and relieve him off the ball. The

huge gap left in the middle was filled by Fontana who latched on to Lathan's cross and headed it in from 10 metres out past the helpless Dando.

As the second half proceeded Raiders' captain, Roy Drinkwater, tried to urge his men on by pushing forward at every opportunity. This attitude was rewarded in the 74th minute as Malcolm McClelland stole the ball from a hesitant, Chris Dunleavy, and stroked it across the goal-

mouth where Drinkwater pushed it into an open net from close range.

For the next few minutes the home side applied pressure but as the game drew into its final moments Wollongong once again started to dominate as they had done for much of the game and just moments from the end Phil Dando produced the save of the match from a John Lathan pointblank header.

Howard Tredinnick's debut did not go unnoticed by both coaches and Vest claimed he was "magnificent — certainly good enough to hold his place next week."

Wolves' coach, Ken

Morton, said after the game that while he was pleased with the point he was "disappointed at not getting two after having the upper hand for so long."

Teams: Newcastle KB Raiders: Dando, Reaney, Tredinnick, Bertogna, Drinkwater, Sumner, Mountford, Jones (Senkalski 67), Heys, Buckley (Kamasz 83), McClelland.

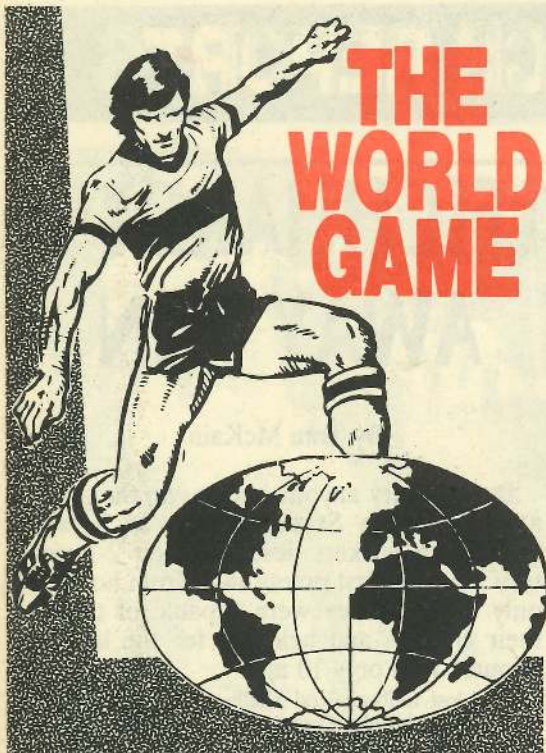
Wollongong Wolves: Preston, Dunleavy, Ainsworth, Adam, Fontana (Turner 79), Fleming, Campbell, Lathan, De Graaf, Tredinnick, McBreen.

Referee: D Rennie.

Man Of The Match:

Newcastle: McClelland 2.

Wollongong: Campbell 2.



TAMPA BAY WANT VINCE HILAIRE

Tampa Bay Rowdies, in the North American Soccer League, would like to buy Vince Hilaire, the England Under 21 winger from Crystal Palace.

Trouble is, the American club reckons Hilaire is overpriced in a falling market.

Palace are seeking \$900,000 for Hilaire and Arsenal have already said they'd be willing to pay that figure.

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WORLD CUP — AND A FEW SHOCKS

Northern Ireland went close to beating Scotland — in Glasgow — in their World Cup Group Six match.

With only 20 minutes to go, Ireland went into a 1-0 lead to stun the Hampden Park spectators, who expected an easy win for the Scots.

Billy Hamilton, with a header from Sammy McIlroy's centre, scored for the Irishmen.

Five minutes later, Scotland salvaged their reputation by getting an equalising goal through Ipswich Town's John Wark.

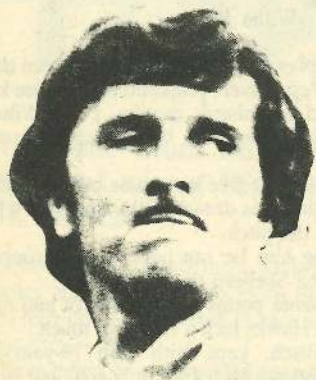
The Republic of Ireland, meanwhile, went down 1-0 in Brussels, but were so close to getting a valuable draw.

In fact, Belgium's winner was scored just four minutes from full-time — the scorer being Jan Ceulmans.

It came when a free-kick on the edge of the penalty area hit the Irish cross bar and Ceulmans jumped high to head the ball home.

The match was played in pouring rain, with thunder and lightning.

Another match in Group Two gave Holland a 1-0 victory against France in Rotterdam.



DAI DAVIES

Just as John Wark saved Scotland, so did another Ipswich Town star, Arnold Muehren, take Holland through. Muehren, who has not been picked by Holland for three years, bent a brilliant free-kick round France's defence from 25 metres range to score the only goal of the game.

Dutch coach Kees Rijvers relied on experienced players for this vital match but the great Johann Cruyff withdrew from the squad after being selected.

Wales beat Turkey 1-0 in Ankara, the only goal of the match going to Carl Harris after 68 minutes.

That result put Wales on top of Group Three with eight points from four outings.

It was not a good game and the Welshmen could thank goalkeeper Dai Davies for denying the Turks any goals. Russia, with two wins in two games, are in second place in this Group.

"COUNTRY COUSINS" DOMINATING DUTCH FOOTBALL

Move over Feyenoord. Move over Ajax. Netherlands football this season is being dominated by a most unlikely team, AZ 67 Alkmaar.

Alkmaar's first 21 matches in the League produced 20 wins and one draw.

Who are these upstarts anyway? Alkmaar is a cattle market town (40,000 population) some 40 kms nor-

th-west of Amsterdam.

Their stadium has a capacity of only 18,000 and average home crowds are no more than 8,000. Despite this "small-time" atmosphere, Alkmaar's players pick up a handy

\$1,200 a week.

Coach George Kessler is in his third season with the club and has had his contract extended by another four years.

Two foreign players have had much to do with the team's successes. They are Krispen Nygaard, a Danish midfielder, and Austrian international forward Kurt Welzl, who gets some spectacular goals.

Naturally enough, Alkmaar are being compared with England's outstanding Ipswich Town.

Ipswich is also a market town with a comparatively small population, run professionally by the accomplished Bobby Robson. And two foreign players, Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren, have played a big part in Ipswich's great results.

THEY'RE NOT TALKING!

Two of the genuine superstars of European football met at Barcelona airport recently... but they avoided each other like the plague.

The players were Johann Cruyff and Berndt Schuster.

When photographers asked the pair to pose together for pictures, Schuster flatly refused.

He stormed off with the comment: "I have no respect for Cruyff!"

What was it all about? Schuster blames Cruyff for getting Hennes Weisweiler the sack from Barcelona's coaching position. Weisweiler and Schuster are Cologne buddies.

Argentina beat New Zealand 3-0 for a place in the World youth championship for the Coca-Cola Cup in Australia.

The win eliminated Israel and NZ from a tournament played in Buenos Aires to decide which one would go to Australia.

Argentina are defending World Youth champions having won the crown in Japan in 1979.

Athlone Town are the clear leaders in the League of Ireland with Dundalk in second place and Limerick, last season's champions, third.

ZAMBIA'S GOALIE SWITCH

It must have been almost a year ago when ASW told you Zambian goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar, who plays in Canada for Vancouver Whitecaps, was being lined up as successor to Ray Clemence at Liverpool.

Clearly, Liverpool are a persistent club. They finally signed the Zambian keeper last week.

Fee was \$500,000. That's a lot of money for a Zambian — even if he is an international!

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River Plate, Argentina's most famous club, face all sorts of problems.

Goalkeeper Ubaldo Filioi and captain Daniel Passarella are both moving to the U.S.A. after next year's World Cup and left-back Alberto Tarantini — who had an unhappy short stay with Birmingham City — says he wants to retire.

All this at a time when River Plate are still reeling from their match against Argentinos Juniors in which five River Plate players were sent off, leaving the team to finish with only six men!

By the way, World Cup centre-forward Leopold Luque, sold by River Plate to Union, made his debut for his new team — and was sent off in the first half.

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The hastily-thrown-together European selection defeated Italy's national team 3-0 in the match to raise funds for the Italian earthquake appeal.

Only 12,000 spectators were present which was a big disappointment for the organisers.

EUROPEAN SOCCER... RESULTS...

N. IRELAND	
B'mena - L'field	1-0
Bangor - G'avon	Post
C'rairie - C'ders	0-1
D'llery - Larne	Post
G'toran C'ville	2-0
P'down - Ards	3-0

ROMANIA	
Buch Ste - Sport Stud	2-0
Din Buch - Vul Progr	1-1
Ch Vilcea - Ab Mare	2-1
Bacau - Galati FCM	2-0
Olt - Iasi Poli	3-0
Arges FE - TG Mures Asa	2-0
Petro Jiul - Hund Corv	1-0
Brasov FCM - Tim Poli	2-0

AUSTRIA	
Wiener Sp - Sturm Graz	0-0
Lask - Aus Burg	1-0
GAK - Voest Linz	0-1
E'stadt - Ad Wacker	2-0
Rapid - Aus Wien	5-1

WEST GERMANY	
Bor M'bach - Duisburg	4-1
Duesseldorf - Stuttgart	3-1
Bor D'mund - Hamburg	6-2
Bay Munich - 1860 Munich	1-1
Bielefeld - K'ruhe	4-1
Ein F'urt - Nuremberg	3-0
Cologne - K'lautern	2-2
Bay Uerdingen - Bochum	1-0
Schalke 04 - L'kusen	3-1

EAST GERMANY	
Sach Zwickau - Dyn Dresden	3-0
Chem Halle - Loko L'zig	1-0
CZ Jena - Vor F Oder	1-1
Stahl Riesa - Magdeburg	2-1
Dyn Berlin - Wismut Ave	5-1
Chem Boehlen - R-W Erfurt	1-1
Han Rostock - K-M Stadt	1-1



HORST HRUBESCH

SPAIN	
Zaragoza - Salamanca	2-0
Real Madrid - Barcelona	3-0
Real Valladolid - Hercules	2-1
Almeria - Betis	0-2
Bilbao - Sociedad	0-2
Sevilla - Palmas	3-2
Murcia - Osasuna	1-0
Espanol - Valencia	1-2
Sporting - Atletico	3-0

FRANCE	
Angers - Tours	2-2
Auxerre - Lens	1-1
Bastia - Bordeaux	3-2
Lille - Nice	3-1
Lyons - Nancy	4-2
Metz - St Etienne	0-0
Monaco - Laval	3-0
Paris S.G. - Sochaux	3-2
S'bourg - Nimes	1-0
V'ennes - Nantes	3-3

SWITZERLAND	
Lucerne - N'chatel	1-2

GREECE	
O'piakos - P'aikos	0-0
P'onios - Atromitos	1-2
Apollon - Ethnikos	1-0
Larisa - Aek	2-1
Ofi - Aris	3-0
Panachaiki - Kastoria	0-1
Kavala - Doxa	0-0
Korinthos - P'aikos	3-2
Paok - Yannina	1-1

HOLLAND	
Sp R'dam - Go Ahead	6-2
Roda JC - Utrecht	0-0
Wageningen - Willem II	2-1
NAC Brda - Feyenoord	0-1
PSV - Twente	1-0
Ex R'dam - M'tricht	0-0
Groningen - Ajax	0-1
The Hague - NEC	2-0
AZ '67 - PEC	1-0

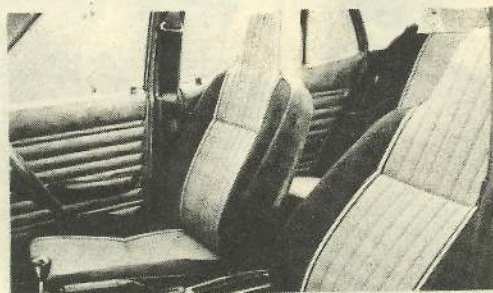
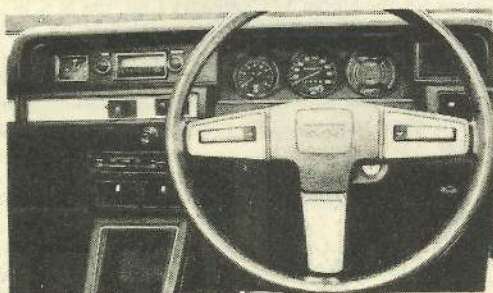
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Roma - Cagliari	1-0
Torino - Brescia	1-1
Catanzaro - U'dinese	2-1

BELGIUM	
Waregem - M'beek	2-0
Ghent - Lierse	1-1
St Liege - W'slag	1-0
Beveren - CS Bruges	2-1
Lokeren - Beringen	2-0
FC Bruges - FC Liege	4-3
W'schei - Beerschot	2-2
Antwerp - Berchem	0-1



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A.C.T. BURSTING AT THE SEAMS

By Steve Burns

A.C.T. junior Soccer expects to set an all-time record 6,000-plus registrations by the time the 1981 season kicks off on April 4.

"It's a fantastic achievement," said Junior League chairman, Cyril Sutton.

"No other code in the national capital come within an age of us as far as junior strength is concerned."

But Mr Sutton admitted that junior Soccer was being discriminated against in the allocation of grounds.

"We are certainly not getting a fair crack of the whip," he said.

"It stems from the Department of the Capital Territory's system of ground allocation.

"Each code applies for the grounds they want and then the Council of Clubs and departmental officers really sift through them on the basis that codes come to amicable arrangements.

"It sounds great in theory but it doesn't work in practice.

"It's really a bit of a Pontius Pilate approach.

"No codes willingly give up ground. They use the same old arguments that they've had that ground for years and want to retain it.

"That we can all understand. Soccer is then solidly the loser for it can't get access to the number of additional ovals it requires for the number of kids it has to service.

"It really breeds dissatisfaction when you see a particular code getting equal oval allocations yet have only a half — sometimes even less than that — the number of kids to accommodate."

But Mr Sutton said Soccer was battling on to improve the situation.

"There is no doubt of the continued interest by parents to have their youngsters play the round ball code," he said.

And in 1981 the A.C.T. Junior Association would institute a totally new approach to team structuring.

"Juniors, nine years and below, will be split in seven-a-side — not 11-a-side teams," Mr Sutton stressed.

"The Under-7's will play in area (suburban) based competitions of three and four teams while the 7, 8 and 9 year-olds will play in seven-a-side competitions on a Canberra Northside and Southside basis.

"This avoids the problem of travelling. Ten years olds and above will play in the full, 11-a-side teams."

Why the seven-a-side approach?

"To give everyone a chance at becoming fully involved in the game and having a better chance of more acquiring the real basic skills.

"We think it will work."

In conclusion, Mr Sutton appealed to more women to take part in helping run the affairs of teams.

"They really do a marvellous job," he said.

"In fact I believe that the new secretary of the A.C.T. Junior Association will be a member of the fair sex."

NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

How's that for high spirits? These Southern NSW under 9s are wreathed in smiles after downing Western NSW in a marathon struggle for the NSW Country Championship.

UNDER 16 TRIALS

NSW U16 coach David Lee will be conducting trials on Sunday April 5 at 8.30 am for prospective U16 players.

The venue is Gosling Park in Chiswick Rd Greenacre.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER



BANDITS SEEK LIMELIGHT

This year Beecroft Soccer Club (affectionately known as the Bandits) has again entered first and reserve grade teams in the Gladesville Hornsby Premier League.

Many of the players have been together for several years, having come through the junior ranks. Among their achievements are:— 1973 All Age Div 3 Champions; 1974 Under 21 Runners Up; 1975 All Age Div 2 Premiers.

In 1976 the club enjoyed its most successful season winning the All Age Division 1 Premiership and Championship and went on to play in the Championship of Champions Series.

They reached the semi finals only to be knocked out on corner kicks by Como-West Jannali.

1977 saw the advent of a Premier League in the

Gladesville-Hornsby Association with Beecroft finishing in fifth place and the premiership going to West Pennant Hills.

In 1978 Beecroft were runners up to Meadowbank United on goal difference.

Meadowbank won the premiership again in 1979 whilst Epping Y.M.C.A. took the honours in 1980.

Both 1979 and 1980 seasons were full of frustration and disappointment for Beecroft.

Many experienced players left the club and as a result Beecroft occupied last place in 1979 and second last in 1980.

This season the club

has appointed Neil Davidson as coach of its Premier League squad and club officials are confident of a successful season.

Neil is a Physical Education Instructor at North Sydney Catholic Teachers College and has already installed a level of fitness that has been lacking in players over the past two seasons.

Altogether the 1981 squad is a combination of youth and experience including seven members of the successful 1976 side, four players from the 1978 Gladesville Hornsby U16 representative side and several members of the 1980 Epping Boys High and James Ruse High Tasman Cup sides.

The club has also secured the sponsorship of Epping Real Estate Agents Elton A. Wilson & Co.

This sponsorship money will help in providing coaching and equipment for the club's 25 mens and 3 womens teams.

The 1981 Gladesville Hornsby Premier League season promises to be one of great interest.

Five new clubs will be competing in the thirteen team competition.

The new teams are Carlingford Redbacks, Thornleigh Thunderbolts, Gladesville United, Kenthurst and C.C.G.

Other teams from last year are Epping Y.M.C.A., Pennant Hills, West Pennant Hills, Ryde R.S.L., Meadowbank United, North Epping Rangers, Epping Eastwood and of course Beecroft Bandits.

— Geoff Coy

CENTRAL COAST GO TO HOLLAND

Central Coast Soccer Association's trip to Holland will be financed most economically.

Association president Bill Northam said that the full cost of their 12-year-old party's trip will be \$22,000.

"Of the \$22,000 a Gosford benefactor has donated \$8,000 leaving the boys to raise \$14,000.

"I am pleased to say that much of this has come through the generous support of business houses," he said.

Central Coast obtained ASF sanction for their tour twelve months ago.

There will be 14 matches in all. One will be curtain-raiser to a big match that is tipped to draw from 40,000 to 80,000 people. The other will be prior to one of Holland's World Cup games.

The lucky party leaves on May 8 and returns on June 8. It seems another tour which is being privately organised is the expensive one.

Up to \$4,000 per boy is reported to be involved, and it will not take place until 1982.

But for the boys from round Brisbane Waters, the Association's coming trip will be the tour of a lifetime.

N.S.W. U14, 15, 16 YOUTH LEAGUE

Group 1

	U14	U15	U16
Gladesville v Baulkham Hills	6-0	2-3	4-1
Bankstown v Sthn & Eastern	1-1	2-0	1-4
St George v Melita	2-0	7-0	3-1
Blacktown City v Sydney Olympic	4-0	2-1	1-1
Illawarra v Polonia	4-1	1-1	4-2
Croatia v Leichhardt	0-3	0-4	0-6

Group 2

	U14	U15	U16
Nepean v Blacktown Assn	1-2	2-0	1-4
Riverwood v Sthn District	1-2	1-0	1-1
Kuringai v Manly	4-0	0-6	0-0
Central Coast v Canterbury	2-5	0-2	2-7
Marconi v Sutherland	2-0	0-0	1-2
Avala, Bye			



ROUND 4 NEXT WEEK:

GROUP 1

G/Hornsby v Syd Oly	Sat, Pioneer
Bankstown v Polonia	Sat, Soccer Ctr
B'town City v Leichhardt	Sat, Gabbie
Croatia v Melita	Sat, Everley
Sthn & East v Baulkham H	Sat, Jellicoe
St George v Illawarra	Sun, Balgownie

GROUP 2

Nepean v Canterbury	Sat, Arlington
Riverwood v Sutherland	Sat, Hurstville
Kuringai v Marconi	Sat, Acron
Avala v Manly	Sat, Knight
Sthn Dist v B'town Assn	Sat, Francis
Central Coast - bye	

GROUND LOCATIONS

Pioneer Park	Balgownie Oval	Balaclava Rd., Marsfield.
Jellicoe Park	Cook Park	Para Park, Balgownie.
Bates Drive	Francis Park	Park Pde., Pagewood.
Carss Park	Ernie Smith Pk	Wilson St., St. Marys.
Everley Park	Lambert Park	Bates Drive, Kareela.
Arington Oval	Cromer Park	Richmond Rd., Blacktown.
Bankstown Soccer Centre	Pratten Park	Parkside Drive, Carss Park.
Hurstville Oval	Fagan Park	Newbridge Rd., Moorebank.
Mt Penang Training School	Ted Horwood Reserve	Everley Rd., Chester Hill.
Peakhurst Park	Chopin Park	Marion St., Leichhardt.
Marconi Oval	Ashley Brown Park	William St., Dulwich Hill.
Monk Park	St John Park	South Creek Rd., Dee Why.
Acron Park		Stacey St., Bankstown.
		Arthur St., Ashfield.
		Dora St., Hurstville.
		Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare.
		Gosford.
		Renown Rd., Baulkham Hills.
		Trafalgar St., Peakhurst.
		Bungalow Rd., Plumpton.
		Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.
		Northcote Rd., Seven Hills.
		Mona St., Auburn.
		Orchardleigh St., Yennora.
		Edensor Rd., Bonnyrigg.
		Acron Rd., St. Ives.

U12 CENTENARY CUP TOURNAMENT AGAIN

Following the outstanding success of the 1980 Tournament for the Under 12 Centenary Cup, the N.S.W.A.S.F. has decided that the tournament should be conducted again in 1981.

The tournament is open for entry by Association Representative teams from all areas of Australia.

No State teams will be permitted to enter the tournament.

VENUE: Sydney NSW.

DATE OF TOURNAMENT: Sat. 16th May to Sat. 23rd May, 1981.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday, 21st April 1981.

ELIGIBILITY: Boys born 1/1/69 to 31/12/69 or later.

Each competing association may nominate a squad of up to 16 players, as per the rules of A.S.F. National Championships, and these players will be billeted.

Team officials will be booked into the closest available accommodation should it be required by competing associations.

Sydney Association teams will be requested to billet interstate club teams for the period of the tournament.

Should associations wish to send a referee with their team, he would be more than welcome, and the NSW Amateurs would be pleased to utilize his services provided that he is at least Grade 3 A.S.R.F. standard, over 18 years of age, and has at least two years experience.

Entries should be sent to Rod Woods, Secretary, NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, 29 Yeramba St, Turramurra NSW 2074. Phone (02) 44 7069.

In the first year of the tournament the winners were Manly-Warringah, followed by Bankstown, Southern Districts and Macquarie Associations in that order.



WORLD YOUTH TITLES DRAW IN CANBERRA

By Keith Gilmour

With interest building in the FIFA/Coca-Cola Youth Championship matches, administrators are facing a shortage of seats for booking at major arenas.

Olympic Park Melbourne can only cater for 2,400 bookings and Newcastle's International Sports Centre 2,300.

Although the Sydney Cricket Ground is antiquated, it provides for 13,000 advanced booked seats.

To-day a distinguished gathering, including the ambassadors of 15 competing countries, gathers in Canberra for the WYC draw.

Following that the matches for the six cities will be decided.

In turn the allocation of television programming by the TEN network and overseas interests take place, press facilities are finalised and public interest is drawn.

\$500,000 will be expended to increase Australian public awareness of the series.

Preparations are proceeding for the Australian Youth team.

Unfortunately the



IAN MCKIE

\$50,000 required to take them to Mexico for the big tournament. There was not available. Ian Hunter is gradu-

ally coming back after breaking his leg and hopefully will be able to take his place in the team.

Many of the squad players are receiving experience in the PSL, State League and the Eastern Division Youth League.

Steve Blair, the big South Melbourne defender on the verge of national squad selection as well, has convinced his coaches that he has a tremendous willingness to learn.

Adelaide City's striker David Mitchell is demonstrating his speed, but needs to show additional composure.

Craig McLatchie from Capricornia State League club in Queensland is coming back after injury.

Rob Wheatley, the Blacktown PSL defender of midfielder is proving a very competitive player.

David Watt from Leichhardt is playing defensive midfield, and David Skeen of St George is working in both offensive and defensive midfield roles as well as playing in the libero mould.

Others such as Paul Kay, Oscar Crino, Ian McKie, Charlie Villani and Lucio Signore should be certain selections, together with goalkeeper Glen Ahearn.

CENTENARY COMPETITION TO PUNCHBOWL

The successor to the 1980 Australian Soccer Centenary competition for U12 teams could be held at Punchbowl, in Sydney's Canterbury district.

It was first offered to Shoalhaven, but the magnitude of the series could be beyond what the Nowra area might be able to handle.

Officials of the NSW Amateurs will be able to make more local South Coast contacts in July.

They have decided to hold their July meeting at Batemans Bay, which will be a first for the area. Batemans Bay is in the Southern Branch, which consists of four Associations.

On the coast there is the Central South Coast Association catering for Narooma-Moruya, and Far South Coast covering Merimbula, Eden, Bombala and Bega.

Further inland the Southern Tableland Assn is centred on Goulburn, Crookwell and Marulan, and Highlands Assn's main centres are Bowral and Mittagong.

YOUNG SAINTS MARCH IN

Winning the Metropolitan and State Title last season the U14 ST. GEORGE YOUTH LEAGUE TEAM showed that they definitely were championship material. In 33 games they scored 98 goals and only conceded 10.

Two players from this

team, the captain, PAUL DARLINGTON and GEOFF BISCAYA were also selected for the N.S.W. U14 STATE TEAM.

BACK ROW: (Left to right) Steven ZANTIDES, Darren MITCHELL, Peter PETKOVSKI, Ed

GONANO, Tony DANASKOS, Geoff BISCAYA, David WILCOX, Bradley HEAP.

FRONT ROW: (Left to right) Robert FONG, John SPIROVSKI, Alvaro FALLADOSA, Laki NATARAS, Paul DARLINGTON (captain), Pedro RICOY.



PAUL KAY ON THE WAY

Paul Kay is one of St George's rising stars, and is expected to play for Australia in the World Youth Championship in October.

Born on the Coast (Wollongong), Paul started his career in the Dapto side but was soon noticed by none other than Joe Vlasits, who made sure that young lad found his way into the St. George side.

He made a dream debut for his new club, shortly after his sixteenth birthday playing alongside one of England's stars, Ralph Coates.

It was no surprise when Rudi Gutendorf selected Kay for the Youth National Team to play in the qualifying games for the Coca-Cola Cup.

He earned praise from the Paraguay coach after coming on as a sub for Australia in its last game in Assuncion and since became a permanent fixture in the Australian Youth Team.

Recently, he was with the Australian Youth Team in Israel, playing against Rumania, Israel (twice), Sweden and Greece.

Australia finished last losing all but one game (nil-all against the eventual tournament winners — Sweden).

What did he think of the standard Australia displayed?

"We were in no way inferior to any of the sides in Israel. We drew with the winner, had our chances to get at least a point against Rumania, and should have walloped Greece and Israel.

"We created more chances than our opponents but became shot shy," he said upon his return from Israel.



PAUL KAY

After playing in 17 full games in 1980 for St. George, Paul Kay has become a regular member of the side.

He plays midfield or wing, but can also show his worth at right-back.

His Soccer is always distinguished by fine attacking skills.

His work rate is top class, his distribution excellent, his tackling enthusiastic and hard.

His low centre of gravity allows him to turn quickly and deceive an opponent with ease making him a difficult target to keep an eye on.

One cannot fault old Uncle Joe; he has picked a star of the future in Paul Kay.

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's SoccerSkills in book form, it is available from:—

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Even top international players continually have to practise ball control in case they get rusty.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

WALKER'S TURN FOR
A HAT TRICK

By Brad Earl

Who's going to stop St George? Many people thought Polonia, who had been going well and fielding four new Polish imports, including two well-regarded internationals, might at least hold the Saints some of the way.

But St George took charge all of the way, never giving an inch to their opponents.

Only one minute into the game, Barry Walker, the tall, dominating central striker, half-volleyed the ball from 10 metres. Once more an avalanche of goals seemed on the way.

Walker got another in the 24th minute, after Dez Marton had rifled a shot at Ziggy Kalinowski, Polonia's 18-time Polish international, who could only deflect the ball high into the air. It hit the bar, and Walker was there to push the ball into the net with Kalinowski unable to recover.

Kalinowski was put under a fair bit of pressure throughout the game, and on a number of occasions acquitted himself well.

Into the second half, and once more it was only a matter of a minute or two before another goal was scored. This time it was Marton who netted, after taking the ball across to the front of the goal and putting it away with ease.

In the 64th minute, Walker capped a fine game with a goal to chalk his hat trick. Marton and Villy Kanacki, the two Yugoslavs, had moved the ball down the right before crossing to Walker, who watched the ball curl onto the right goal-post. However the ball was ruled to have crossed the line, and a goal was given.

Immediately, coach Frank Arok got up and took Walker off, as he had done his duty for the day.

And just one minute later, Johnny Davies took his chance, scoring from a good cross from Marton.

In the 81st minute, Peter Beggs, who had come on for Walker, led another



DEZ MARTON

Saints attack. He ran through, arm raised and shouting for the ball, which was duly given to him, and he didn't waste the opportunity.

This was just another occasion when the Polonia defence was left standing flat-footed.

And when their attackers didn't fall victims to St George's offside trap (too many times), and got themselves into a reasonable forward position, they wasted their chances by shooting from outside the box.

Frank Arok was his usual self after the game. "We created about two dozen chances we could have scored from, and eight or nine clear-cut chances, and we should have put them away."

"I'm pleased, but I want more unselfishness, and greater speed in the play, with players having only about two or three seconds on the ball before passing it on."

Arok played with Duarte as right full-back once again, and started with Peter Terry as left-back. At half-time he put Kanacki on for Terry and moved Billy Griffiths back to left-back, a role he fits very well. For most of the second half, however, there



BARRY WALKER

were really only two defenders, McDonald and Rylands, with Duarte and Griffiths pushing forward on the flanks.

The midfield was as strong as ever, continually feeding off each other and showing good skills individually. And up-front, Walker and Kanacki play so well together with their contrasting styles.

SILVA
SHINES

Four goals from Marcos Silva, the Brazilian striker on loan from Sydney City, gave Croatia another two points in the 4-2 win over Manly. Manly fought hard and had pulled the score back to 2-2, but couldn't hold out the might of Croatia near the end of the game.

In the fifth minute, Silva got his first goal when the ball ran clear and he picked it up and shot home, with Manly players claiming offside. His second came on the half hour, when a Kovacic shot was blocked by keeper Dower, and the ball rebounded to Silva to score.

In the first 15 minutes after the restart, Manly came back, through goals by Dudley Fox and Keith Falconer, but soon after, Silva was on the spot again, scoring from a header from a free-kick. He then put away a fourth towards the end when the Manly de-

fence left him unmarked in the box.

Manly had fought hard all the way, with right-back Bob Geoghean and striker Stuart Regan prominent, but Silva's great game, plus the clever midfield combination of Marin Kovacic and Kevin Coleman, swung the game into Croatia's favour.

STODDART
BRILLIANT

Melita made sure they kept in touch by beating Sutherland 3-0, and Donny Allan got into the goal act with a hat-trick of headed goals.

The star of the field was Johnny Stoddart, once again stamping his domination and playing a part in all three goals.

In the 20th minute Stoddart laid the ball on to Wayne Parker, who in turn chipped to Allan to head home. Allan leapt high three minutes after the break to reach a pin-point cross from Stoddart, and then with 10 minutes remaining, Allan went down low for a hard-diving header from another Stoddart cross.

MONARO -
AUBURN

Inter-Monaro edged into the top four with their third straight win, even though they had to put up with some tough Auburn pressure before coming out 2-1 winners.

Ian Heywood and Bobby Noble got Monaro's goals before John McDonald put away a last-minute penalty. Auburn defender Charlie Promelja was sent off in the second half after a scuffle with Heywood.

Gino Caputo (17), playing as Monaro goalkeeper with Antonopoulos suspended for a week, pulled off several good

saves for his side on the way to the win.

TWO-GOAL
FISHER

Riverwood continued to improve, beating Avala 3-2 in a scrappy game. Alan Fisher scored two of the goals for Riverwood, and Billy Bulloch got the other, with Mark Samuels and Rodic replying for Avala.

Riverwood, with George Harris playing his first game after signing last week, went in 1-0 up at the break, but Avala pegged back to lead 2-1 before Riverwood finally came through with two more. But there were a lot of possessional mistakes made by both sides.

BANKSTOWN
WIN

Also scoring their first win were Bankstown, who came through 2-1 in a very even match against North Sydney.

Both keepers made good saves, and the score was kept scoreless to half-time, but in the first minute of the second period, Glen Lynch scored after a good individual build-up. He hit a hard shot, and Norths' keeper got his hand to it but could only deflect it into the net.

In the 69th minute, Norths pressure paid off when Tommy Steven, their 26-year-old midfield import from Scotland, got a header in from a corner. But Bankstown got a winner 10 minutes later when John Nocera scored with a header after a good midfield build-up.

The Town were without regular captain Greg Lynch and Peter Rea through injury, but they did field a new signing from Croatia, Gino Isoardi, who performed well until he had to go off after 30 minutes, and Bob Farthing, a striker who had scored five goals in the last two second grade games.

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS
SOCCER LEAGUE

Results of round five:

BANKSTOWN - NORTH SYDNEY 2-1
Glen Lynch, Nocera(B), Steven(NS)

ST GEORGE - POLONIA 6-0

Walker 3, Marton, Davies, Beggs
PARRAMATTA - CANTERBURY 1-2Herron(P), Karyspyros, Bourke(C)
CROATIA - MANLY 4-2Silva 4(C), Fox, Falconer(M)
AVALA - RIVERWOOD 2-3Samuels, Rodic(A), Fisher 2, Bulloch(R)
MELITA - SUTHERLAND 3-0Allan 3
INTER MONARO - AUBURN 2-1

Heywood, Noble(IM), McDonald(A)

TOP SCORERS

8. Allan(ME)
6. Marton(SG)
5. Walker, Davies(SG), Farrugia(ME)
4. Barton(SG), Silva(Cr), Fox(MW)
3. Karanfilovski, Samuels(Av), Heywood(IM)
2. Fisher, Landon(R), Williams, Brown(CM),
Parker, Montgomery(Cr), Parker-
(ME), Beggs, Kay(SG), Groome(S), Noble(IM).

ST GEORGE	5	0	0	25-2	10
CROATIA	5	0	0	12-4	10
MELITA	4	0	1	19-4	8
INTER MONARO	3	0	2	7-7	6
POLONIA	3	0	2	6-8	6
SUTHERLAND	2	1	2	4-5	5
CANTERBURY	2	0	3	7-6	4
AVALA	2	0	3	8-11	4
MANLY	2	0	3	7-12	4
AUBURN	2	0	3	3-10	4
RIVERWOOD	1	1	3	6-12	3
NORTH SYDNEY	1	0	4	5-10	2
BANKSTOWN	1	0	4	4-10	2
PARRAMATTA	1	0	4	4-16	2

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

SUNDAY, APRIL 5:
NORTH SYDNEY v CROATIA KING TOMISLAV
MANLY v RIVERWOOD CROMER PARK
AVALA v MELITA KNIGHT PARK
SUTHERLAND v PARRAMATTA SEYMOUR
AUBURN v BANKSTOWN MONA PARK
POLONIA v INTER-MONARO CHOPIN PARK
CANTERBURY v ST GEORGE ARLINGTON

NSW DIVISION ONE:

Results of round 5:
BATHURST - BELMORE 1-1
REVESBY - N.BANKSTOWN 1-0
FAIRY MEADOW - WOLLONGONG 0-0
BLACKTOWN UTD - KURINGAI 0-1
YUGAL - WARRINGAH 3-3
GUILDFORD - PENRITH 0-1
UNI OF NSW - GLADESVILLE R. 3-2

League Table

KURINGAI	5	4	1	0	6-1	9
FAIRY MEADOW	5	3	1	1	13-6	7
WOLLONGONG	5	3	1	1	8-4	7
GUILDFORD	5	2	2	1	5-3	6
BLACKTOWN UTD	5	2	1	2	6-4	5
PENRITH	5	2	1	2	5-4	5
YUGAL	5	2	1	2	8-9	5
BATHURST	5	2	1	2	9-11	5
GLADESVILLE R.	5	1	2	2	5-5	4
N.BANKSTOWN	5	2	0	3	6-7	4
BELMORE	5	0	4	1	3-7	4
WARRINGAH	5	1	1	3	8-10	3
UNI OF NSW	5	1	1	3	6-9	3
REVESBY	5	1	1	3	5-12	3

ALLAN BOURKE
JOINS BERRIES

Allan Bourke made his debut for Canterbury on Sunday and celebrated it with a late winning goal.

Midfielder Bourke came on in the 40th minute, but Canterbury were on the ropes, and Parramatta went to a 1-0 lead through Jimmy Herron in the second half.

But this stirred Canterbury to life, and they started showing the form they are capable of, scoring two goals in the last 15 minutes to win 2-1. Full-back John Karaspyros and Bourke got their goals.

Bourke, who went to Inter-Monaro from Canberra City in 1978, and played alongside Giampaolo and



Allan Bourke

Valeri in that top Monaro side of the time, was signed late last week for \$3,000.

"He trained with us and I liked him so I signed him," Canterbury coach John Xipolitis said. "He's not 100 per cent fit yet, but he will be a valuable asset."

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10 CANTERBURY						2-3	3-0		E					
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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

NSW AMPOL CUP

POLONIA WINS ON PENALTIES

by John Economos

In a closely-fought and most exciting game, Polonia edged out Canterbury-Marrickville from the NSW Ampol Cup on penalties.

The first half ended at 1-1 all. At full-time, the score was still 1-1, and after an extra 10 minutes each way, the scoreline was again level at 2-2.

Referee Barry Wilkinson ordered five penalties each and Polonia scored from four of their shots whilst Canterbury scored three.

Polonia kicked off in this match with four new players from Poland, one of whom was goalkeeper, Kalinowski, once reserve keeper for Poland's World Cup team.

Front-runner, Lemanczyk, scored in the 15th minute for Polonia.

Soon Canterbury's Ross Brown, levelled, when after receiving a great ball knocked square to him from star player Neil Williams, Brown steadied himself to wallop a left-footed first-time shot into the net. A great goal.

This "lifted" Canterbury and they started to knock the ball around quite a bit.

Thamnidis looked quite dangerous on the right flank and was attracting too much attention from the Polonia defence. He switched to the left and, seconds later, cut back a great ball to Williams, 10 metres out, who "bombed" the glorious chance.

Polonia impressed greatly especially with their intelligent distribution from defence always trying to open up the game.

Canterbury showed greater physical fitness but failed to

hammer home this advantage as the game went on.

Polonia's left back, Crothers, was replaced by Zounis, a strange change as Crothers was having an excellent game.

In the 73rd minute, Canterbury's talented Jimmy Basterfield, broke away up the left and veering in hit a tremendous shot on target, only to see the ever-alert keeper, Kalinowski dive across and knock the shot down.

In the first half of extra-time and with Polonia's condition rapidly running out, the Polonia defence started to focus in on Thamnidis with some rough tackles to shut down the speedy winger.

At the break of extra-time, the scoreline was still 1-1. Tension was really high.

The teams were turned around for the last 10 minutes of extra-time and no sooner was this done than Polonia scored when Canterbury's Lane missed a clearance in the box only to see Jirsa come from nowhere and score just inside the left post.

It looked all over bar the shouting especially when soon after, replacement Binos for Canterbury, beautifully set up a glorious chance for Williams only two metres out but the chance went begging. Only 60 seconds after this fatal missed chance, Williams pulled Canterbury out of the fire when, in the box, he was pushed from behind to win a penalty. Williams took it himself and scored

for 2-2.

Referee Wilkinson then ordered five penalties each. This is how they went... first cab off the rank was Canterbury

Basterfield — shot wide of the right post. NO GOAL.

Jirsa — left foot drive to score. GOAL.

McPherson — right footed drive. GOAL.

Galas — right footed shot inside the left post. GOAL.

Brown — left footed drive. GOAL.

Sobczyk — right footed hit to the left. GOAL.

Lane — left footed smash onto crossbar. NO GOAL.

Wisniewski — right footed shot well saved by McPherson. NO GOAL.

Williams — right footed to left. GOAL.

Garlowski — right footed shot to right. GOAL.

Polonia thus won the "Penalty Shoot" by 4 to 3.

Excellent games for Polonia were put in by Crothers, Harris, Kalinowski and Lemanczyk, whilst for Canterbury, Thamnidis, Brown and Karaspyros never stopped trying.

I would like to add a word for the Polonia full back, who ran 45 metres down the touchline giving the crowd in the grandstand the "Winston Churchill's" in reverse, just after his team-mate Jirsa scored.

You were fortunate referee Barry Wilkinson is such a nice tolerant gentleman.

SUTHERLAND CLOSER TO CUP FINAL

by John Economos

Johnny Watkiss and his Sutherland side moved a step closer to the NSW Ampol Cup final when they wiped out Fairy Meadow 3-0.

Although Sutherland began from the outset to put pressure on the South Coasters, it was Fairy Meadow who nearly scored first when, in the 20th minute, Sutherland's brilliant linkman, Steve Meades, making a comeback after his shoulder operation, cleverly covered his goalkeeper to kick off the line a dangerous shot that looked a certain goal.

The Blues kept pushing forward but lacked composure and polish in front of goal and chances went begging.

However, in the 27th minute, Tony Bush nicely penetrated into the Fairy Meadow "box" where he was brought down by left-back Pic for a penalty.

Nigel Groome took the kick but crashed his shot on to the cross bar.

That was rectified only 60 seconds later when Meades broke clear and sent in a lob over the keeper but before Bush could put it in, the ball had plenty of top spin to bounce into the net for goal No.1.

The second half saw the "Blues" a little more settled and only three minutes after the break, the other brother of the Bush family, Paul, picked up a loose ball and calmly advanced to neatly lob keeper, Kalmanios, and put Sutherland two up.

In the 70th minute, Sutherland made it 3-0, after some clever play involving Paul Bush, and Meades to set up Nigel Groome to score.

After the match, Australia's ex-World Cup star Watkiss, who once again has saddled up to coach Sutherland offered these comments.

"The boys are keen again this year and are raring to go. I was pleased with most of them, especially Paul Bush who went well considering his long lay-off. I was satisfied with Meades who is over his shoulder operation. We were too

square at the back in the first half. We did play more settled Soccer in the second half and I was pleased with the whole midfield, an industrious lot. I

think over the next three or four weeks we will have straightened ourselves out."

I was impressed by the Bush brothers and of course Meades, but some mention also must go to Webber for a good performance.

As for the Fairy Meadow side, Chilby and Devenney stood out.



PAUL BUSH FLIES HIGH FOR SUTHERLAND

NEXT GAMES — QUARTER-FINALS:

Wednesday, April 1, at St George Stadium:
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CROATIA v MELITA 8.30

"MARRICKVILLE MARVEL"

Mike Gill was born in Liverpool on 2.12.54. He represented the Merseyside Youth team, and served as an apprentice with the Everton club before playing in the Northern Premier League.



Two years ago, Gill was enticed to Australia to play for the South Australian, Enfield Victoria.

This year, after completing his two-year contract with that club, Gill decided, with team mate John Lane, to try his luck in Sydney.

The first club they both went to, was St George, but found no vacancies. So they approached Canterbury-

Marrickville, and both were snapped up by coach, John Xipolitas.

Gill has played in most positions but prefers the right side, either striker or mid-field.

Being a utility player, he will prove a great asset for Canterbury especially after he improves his physical fitness and settles in with his new team mates.

JOHN ECONOMOS.



"I think they have found the after-match celebration champagne, boss."

BID FOR BIGGER CROWDS

Once again this year, the NSW Soccer Federation, under the sponsorship of Coca-Cola Bottlers, will conduct the successful Player of the Year and spectator awards, with the winner of each category receiving Holden sedans.

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THE ILLAWARRA SCENE

By Phil Murphy

Wollongong United coach Mike Johnson is convinced publicity for a player can do more harm than good.

After Wollongong went through their first two games without conceding a goal, the Illawarra Mercury did a feature story on their goalkeeper Peter Terziovski with a fine action photograph.

In the very next game, Terziovski picked the ball out of the net four times and the team lost 4-2 to Bathurst. Johnson has since said he won't go looking for any publicity for individual players until the end of the season.

"Everyone can write about them when we win promotion to the Coca-Cola State League," Johnson said.

Downer-Olympic made a nice gesture to Wollongong Wolves before their recent Philips Cup clash at Memorial Park.

The Canberra side gave Wollongong a specially engraved memento of their meeting in the form of a trophy along with a big bunch of flowers.

Unfortunately the PSL weren't in the mood to give anything away and won the game 3-0.

Wollongong president Laurie Kelly said his board was impressed by the Downer club's presentation, not to mention ability on the field.

The Wollongong side had to fight every inch of the way and Downer proved they have some very talented players in their line-up.

Two more Illawarra referees have decided to make themselves available for games in Sydney this season.

Rex Leighton, rated Illawarra's top whistler, has headed for the big smoke along with Mario Mastiorani.

They will still be available to control Illawarra games on Saturdays but will be appointed to Sydney fixtures each Sunday.

After controlling the last two Illawarra grand finals, Leighton says he feels he has to try and improve in higher grades.

There is no doubt he will do well but Illawarra referees are waiting with interest to see to which division he is allocated first up.

Soccer or motor-bike riding? That was the question facing Bulli goalkeeper Adrian Beck at the end of last season.

He decided then the bikes would get his verdict but the Soccer bug has made him have second thoughts.

Bulli coach Tony McDonald has lost plenty of sleep looking for a goalkeeper for pre-season trials and knockouts and at one stage he didn't have a goalkeeper at all in three grades.

A week before the premiership started, who should turn up at training but Beck, keen to reclaim his place in the first grade side.

Revesby have a good reason to fear Wollongong United next time they play in the first division.

Last season United's John Bingham scored a hat-trick against Revesby; then Robbie Girdali repeated the effort recently when the teams met at Berkley.

They are the only hat-tricks scored by United players since they were admitted to the league.

Coniston and Fernhill should provide the highlight in premier league this weekend.

The game will mark the opening of Coniston's new fully-enclosed ground at Kelly Park and a fine achievement by the club.

There has been plenty of voluntary labour put in development of the complex and they have a long-range plan to build a licensed club on top of the present amenity block.

Other games set down for the weekend are: Oak Flats v. Tarrawanna, Bellambi v. Shellharbour, Lysaght's v. Berkeley, Cringila v. Shoalhaven, Bulli v. Corralal.

Fairy Meadow midfielder Alan Devenney has made a bright start to his team's initial season in the Sydney first division.

He was selected to trial with the Australian Youth squad last season and later invited to attend the Sports Institute in Canberra.

In the higher grade this season, he is one of Fairy Meadow's top players, getting goals from his midfield role.

In the recent home game against University, Devenney scored twice in the first 20 minutes, both goals coming from well-placed headers after he had eluded his markers.

ILLE GETS BOOT BEFORE SEASON STARTS!

By Greg Blake

After Essendon Croatia's shock loss to Hakoah in the Philips Cup last week, new coach Roko Ille was sacked.

The actual league season hasn't even started yet.

Ille, Footscray's coach in the PSL last year, was only appointed very recently as replacement to last year's coach, John Gardiner.

So before the start of the league season there are two clubs who have disposed of their coaches, the first being George Cross.

The club said Archie Campbell had resigned as Georgie coach, but he has since spoken out saying he was sacked.

The way could be open now for Pat Bannon to step into one of the vacant positions, after his sacking from Heidelberg where he had been their long-serving captain and joint coach last year.

George Cross have approached him and he may go there, particularly as his younger brother Ged is one of the key players.

Bob McGuinness went ahead with his move to Queensland when he transferred to State League club and PSL prospect Townsville United.

He had previously turned down a move because of employment problems, but he has since picked up an assistant manager's job with the R.A.C.Q.

Ex-Essendon Croatia team manager, Frank Burin, has been appointed as the V.S.F. press liaison manager, the first position of its kind in Victoria.

George Cross have negotiated the joint transfer of strikers Tony Cowan and Tony Castiello to Perth club Tricolor for \$8,000.

Green Gully Ajax are still in the transfer news after having signed seven players in the pre-season. Now full-back Grant Smart has been transfer-listed.



ROKO ILLE

Victorian Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Brian Dixon, announced grants from the Soccer Grounds Development fund last week, totalling \$31,000. Fourteen clubs around the State will share in the money, and the total amount provided in four years since its inception is \$124,000.

Metropolitan League first division club Box Hill have Ian Roodhouse back from a trial with Crystal Palace. He had trained for six months with the U.K. club, and they wanted to keep him on, but he was homesick for Australia.

KICK-OFF IN THE A.C.T.

By Steve Burns

A.C.T. State League Soccer kicks off next weekend — with the big drawcard the Saturday special game between NSW Southern League newcomers Downer Olympic and Juventus.

They are, of course, two of the five Canberra/Queanbeyan clubs in the new League and firm rivals.

Both Juventus and Downer Olympic have spent big in the close season acquiring new players in preparation for their tilt in the new League.

Downer in fact, begin favourites despite losing on penalty kicks to Juventus in the League's big pre-season get together recently.

There is great interest in the game which was especially brought forward to Saturday to allow Downer's Greek fans to also be able to watch the Canberra Arrows/Sydney Olympians game the next day.

Again, like their John Barclay Cup-tie final, it will be a desperately close affair although once more Olympians begin heavily fancied.

O'Connor Oval is the venue and the game begins at 3 p.m.

The other two Southern League games which bring together Croatia and Wagga and Belconnen and Albury will be played on Sunday.

They will have an impact on Canberra Arrows' gate at Bruce Stadium — in particular the Croatia Wagga clash at Deakin Oval which adjoins the Croatian Soccer Club.

And the Croatians are vitally interested in how their team will fare in the League.

Reputedly big money by Canberra standards has been paid in transfer fees and signing-on arrangements — bigger, many say, than Monaro is paying its players in the NSW Coca Cola State League.

It indicates just how anxious the wealthier clubs like Croatia, Downer-Olympic and Juventus are to

do well.

At the ACT first division level, this year is experiment year — one division of 14 teams.

This will apply until the end of the first round in mid-July when an assessment has been made of potential and the 14 will be divided into two groups — the premier group (of eight teams) and the relegation group of six teams.

And teams, formerly little better than also rans, could win — teams like Narrabundah, Luso and newly-promoted Polonia White Eagles.

It all adds spice and interest to the local competition.

Saturday and Sunday's full first round draw is:

Saturday
O'Connor Oval, 3 pm.
Downer Olympic v Juventus

Sunday
DEAKIN OVAL
Croatia v Wagga 3 pm (SL game)
Croatia v RMC 1 pm

PHILLIP DISTRICT
Canberra Utd v Weston Creek 3 pm

O'CONNOR OVAL
Polonia White Eagles v Narrabundah 3 pm

HAWKER
Belconnen v Albury (SL game) 3 pm
Belconnen v ANU 1 pm

KAMBAH OVAL
Kambah Utd v Concordia Phillip 3 pm

HACKETT OVAL
Canberra North v Luson 3pm

AROK EXPERIENCE UNTAPPED

By Keith Gilmour

In Frank Arok Australia at present has a world-rating expert in developmental coaching schemes and in producing top class players.

Arok was brought back to Australia from Yugoslavia by St George to put their football house in order.

Although the Saints are now in State League ranks and not in PSL the confidence of their teams speaks for itself.

Yet the Australian Soccer Federation coaching service has made no approach to him to seek the benefit of his worldwide experience!

I checked the ASF attitude with National Director of Coaching Eric Worthington at the coaching seminar at Auburn Soccer Club.

The distinct impression gained was that Mr Arok had his job at St George, and that was that!

The coaching scheme in this country, euphemistically called the "National Coaching Scheme", does have some pretty fair practioners.

But the huge body of information outside the English system appears not to be tapped.

As a result the sector of the game

responsible to lead in producing high class players as well as coaches has never properly got off the ground.

Many knowledgeable people in coaching will testify to that.

Australian boys will not have a proper chance to go ahead until the superior knowledge of people like Arok is utilised.

Arok's own club in Yugoslavia produced six current members of the national team squad.

He was chief instructor, vice-president and then president of the Yugoslav Coaches Association.

He could produce players in Australia just as he did in Yugoslavia.

And as he did when in charge of St George previously.

Need any more he said? It is not a case of having a job in the sun and enjoying it.

The challenge is to get Australian soccer right behind a scheme, which include the best of European and also South American experience as well as English.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

MAREEBA UNITED TOPPLE TOWNSVILLE

Townsville United forfeited the unbeaten home record they had built up at the Townsville sports reserve since mid-1979 when they went down 2-1 to country rivals Mareeba United.

The loss was a major disappointment to Townsville, considering the amount they have spent on players this season.

And another galling factor is that the Mareeba side contained at least three players rejected by Townsville.

The home side clearly dominated the first half and should have led by more than the 31st minute goal, splendidly hammered home by Tom Walton.

Walton accepted a chested pass from David Deakin following a Mark Spiegelhauer free kick to crack his shot in from outside the box.

The second half was a different story with Townsville consistently being saved from the Mareeba onslaught by tremendous goalkeeping by skipper Phil Figgins.

But Figgins could not keep out the 54th minute headed equaliser from Solomon Islands midfielder Henry Luitoo Fa'arodo from a corner, and the winner from former Townsville striker Chris Young in the 89th minute.

Premier position is still held by defending champions Mt. Gravatt, who downed Ipswich United 3-1 despite an early goal from United midfielder Richie Wilson.

The Hawks equalised before half-time through a Gary Bohan header then carried on with the job with a John Reid penalty and goal from Craig Dickson.

Wynnum moved into second spot on goal difference after beating Gold Coast City 3-0 away.

City have gone badly after starting well and had no answer to a brace from Al-

lan Collins and a third from midfielder Peter Lelliott.

Eastern Suburbs still have a match in hand but were able to hold on to third place with a 3-2 win over Across the Waves in Bundaberg.

The home side seemingly had the match sewn up with two goals in the first 25 minutes from Tom Kenny and Morris Zaina.

But Easts pulled a goal back in the 40th minute through Phil Thompson

and came home strongly in the second half thanks to a goal each from Gary Thomas and Russell Griffiths.

Thistle regained some lost ground and won easily as expected against the battling young Capricornia side with a 6-0 win at home.

Leading the Thistle goalscoring were Steve Dolan and Kenny Gordon with two each, and they were supported by Len Pollock and Ricki Mangan.

QUEENSLAND STATE LEAGUE

Mareeba United 2 (Fa'arodo, Young) beat Townsville United 1 (Walton). Grange Thistle 6 (Dolan, Gordon, Pollock, Mangan) beat Capricornia 0. Mt. Gravatt 3 (G. Bohan, Dickson, Reid) beat Ipswich United 1 (Wilson). Eastern Suburbs 3 (Thompson, Thomas, Griffiths) beat Across the Waves 2 (Kenny, Zaina). Wynnum 3 (Collins, Lelliott) beat Gold Coast City 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Gravatt	4	3	1	—	11	1	7
Wynnum	4	2	1	1	8	4	5
Eastern Suburbs	3	2	1	—	7	4	5
Mareeba United	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Grange Thistle	4	2	—	2	9	6	4
Townsville United	3	2	—	1	4	3	4
Gold Coast City	4	1	1	2	3	7	3
Across The Waves	4	1	—	3	10	8	2
Ipswich United	4	1	—	3	3	6	2
Capricornia	4	—	1	3	3	21	1

VICTORIA

STATE LEAGUE SEASON PREVIEW

By Greg Blake

The preliminaries are over, the Ampol Cup has gone to the ambitious Green Gully Ajax Club from St Albans, the coaching round-a-bout has again run its course and now everything is ready for the 1981 kick-off of the Victorian State League.

ESSENDON CROATIA: Still the best team in the Victorian League but can they lift themselves for yet another season of consistently good performances? Last season's coach John Gardiner has moved on to Green Gully (who hasn't?) replaced briefly by former Footscray boss Rocco Ille but this should make no difference to a side absolutely stacked with talent and I can see them running away with the league unless the dreaded complacency bug strikes.

The last couple of seasons, with virtually the same team, Essendon have won everything possible and it must be awfully hard to find new challenges although the players they boast in their line-up (Gilder, Adams, Tront, Short etc., etc.) means that they must be up near the top at the end of the season.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Seven new players (at the time of writing) and each and every one a fine player, but can they click together? If they do you can back Ajax to be hustling

Croatia all the way to the finish, and I feel they will.

They began to put it together during the Ampol Cup, beginning with a defeat at the hands of lowly Doveton and finishing by winning the final 3-2 against Croydon City.

This is truly the only other side in the competition with real talent right throughout its ranks but Croatia have been together for some time whilst Ajax are still in the experimental stages and that could be the difference between the two this season.

CROYDON CITY: A thoroughly professional little outfit with high hopes and the real surprise packet of the Ampol Cup. They have spent wisely and will do well although I doubt they have the real class of either Croatia or Ajax.

Ian Loughnane, brother of striker Peter, was signed from Welsh club Welshpool during the off season and will be one of the big names in the competition in 1981.

I don't fancy their chances of winning the league but a good cup run and they might surprise and win their first ever major honour. **HAKOAH:** Played their best football of last year toward the end of the season in the Victoria Cup and if that can be reproduced they will do well.



STEVE SHORT

They have a good sprinkling of youth and experience and will be here or there abouts at the end of the year although their Ampol Cup form suggests they still don't have what it takes to win the league. Final four prospects for sure.

JUVENTUS: New coach Joe Wilson, previously with Altona City, faces a massive task trying to rebuild a Juventus which has lost many players although he does know the game and gets the best from whoever is in the team.

Some of his losses are irreplaceable, like big Oscar Crino and 1980 Rothmans Medal Winner Bobby McGuinness, but they showed enough during the Ampol Cup to suggest they will be around the fringe of the top four.

Much of the team's success will be in the hands of youngsters like

Fabio Incantalupo, but if Wilson can get on with tackling what will be a difficult task without the interference of the committee they should do reasonably well.

GEORGE CROSS: Just like their Maltese neighbors Green Gully, Georgie have recruited heavily although the calibre of their new signings does not compare with their rivals.

They are also coachless at the moment following Archie Campbell's surprise resignation.

However I feel all is not as bad as it may seem with what really was a promising team in 1980 being strengthened by experienced players like Dave Rigby and Ged Bannon.

They too have lost players, more by choice than otherwise, but given the right coach they can at least expect to win as many as they lose.

Still very much in the experimental stages with a new-look team but if I were to tip someone to surprise and bob up in the final four this year George Cross may be the one.

RINGWOOD CITY: Back in the State League and I feel, the team with the best prospects of all the 1980 promotees.

Another team which did better than expected in the Ampol Cup and they have ambitions of sneaking into the final four.

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Now try your luck with this week's questions....

1. What is the nickname of Wollongong's new PSL team?
2. Liam Brady is a Northern Ireland international — true or false?
3. Did Australia play in the 1956 (Melbourne) Olympic Soccer tournament?

4. Name the England team manager.
5. Which two Melbourne PSL teams enjoy support from the Greek community?

6. Was Tommy Docherty ever manager of a London team?
The name and address of the winner of this Quiz will be printed in next Tuesday's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.



I feel this is a side to look at in 1982 given a year to settle back into the big league.

FRANKSTON CITY: Nomatter how bad things look down Frankston way you can still always rely on them to put in some sort of a bid to make the finals.

Last year they made a late charge after a poor start to the season and against all the odds came desperately close to squeezing in.

Again they've lost players, another coach has fallen by the wayside but inevitably they have picked themselves up off the floor, snared a couple of young recruits from the UK and will probably knock off some of the big guns down at their home ground at Centenary Park.

If they get anywhere near the top teams they'll be doing very well but I think they will be spending most of the season counting the points from the bottom of the table rather than how many they need to win the championship.

SUNSHINE CITY: Not without a chance but very doubtful.

They've not been over-active on the transfer market thus I doubt whether the same team as last year can lift them far above the relegation

zone.

What Sunshine really needs is a couple of players that can score goals regularly if they are to climb the table.

DOVETON: Danny McMilnamee's first Division Champions from 1980 will not do well this year for one reason alone, attitude.

They have a good squad, maybe even one that could challenge for a place in the finals yet talking to Danny one gets the impression that the number one priority at the club is merely to survive their first year in the State League.

Perhaps this attitude is a correct one in the cut-throat world at the top and yet a little ambition could probably do no harm.

They'll survive all right and given a bit of a spur they possibly could do even better.

NORTHCOTE CITY: The Northcote bubble really burst after winning their first two Ampol Cup games and shooting to the top of their group table.

They lost their last three on end and things don't look too good for them in their first season in the State League.

New coach Jim Kriaris knows what life is all about in the depths with struggling Footscray in the PSL but

this will be a real test of his ability as a coach as he tries to keep Northcote out of the bottom two positions.

A year of struggles for Northcote in 1981.

ALTONA CITY: I'm confident that Altona City will finish bottom of the table this year and will struggle to win a game (but then again I did tip Rotherham to win the F.A.Cup last year).

Unfortunately this friendly little club have lost the bulk of the players that kept them in the State League last year and the ones that are left will be taking the field with virtually the club's juniors.

I personally hope they survive after all the turmoil of the off season but they couldn't win a game nor even score a goal in the Ampol Cup so things do not look too bright.

VERDICT FOR THE SEASON: One of the poorest bunches to make up the State League in history with the exception of two or three teams.

This may even up the competition somewhat but the standard will not begin to drag the missing thousands back through the turnstiles.

GET YOUR POOLS IN...

With **DEBORAH**

POOLS CASH A BIG HELP FOR SOCCER

A State headquarters for Soccer and a multi-purpose gymnasium will soon be operational in Sydney.

The project, which involves the erection of headquarters for the NSW Soccer Federation as well as five Soccer fields and a multi-purpose gymnasium, will be officially opened about June this year.

The project is stage one of a 50 acre development at Parklea, near Blacktown, which will later involve the construction of 10 playing fields, tennis courts and basketball courts.

The headquarters will include offices, lecture rooms, a cafeteria, kitchen, change rooms, spectator accommodation and other amenities.

Community functions will be held at the headquarters as well as the general concept being adaptable for use by many different sports.

Cost of stage one of the project is almost \$2 million with \$217,000 being allocated from the Sport and Recreation Fund which is financed through Soccer Pools.

Except for this grant, all other money has been provided through club and player contributions and donations.

MILESTONE

Next week, April 8 and 9, will see a big milestone in the development of the

project.

The Local Government Association of NSW and the Construction Plant and Material Association will conduct their annual field days at the Parklea development.

The field days will involve 180 companies exhibiting their products and about 20 companies demonstrating their equipment in the works area.

In demonstrating their equipment, a concrete road will be constructed plus a 200 unit car park.

Earthmoving for five playing fields, the enlargement of a water storage dam and other associated works will also be carried out.

The exhibitions and construction work are open to interested members of the public on these days with the whole area taking on a "showtime" atmosphere.

The location of the project is the corner of Old Windsor Road and Meurants Lane, Parklea.

So remember next time you're filling out your Pools coupon, that of every 50 cents invested in the Pools, 10 cents will be returning to the community in the form of sporting facilities and improvements!



A WELCOME "CUPPA" FOR MARION WILSON

EARLY WIN FOR BULLDOGS

The Bulldogs, Footscray in Melbourne and Canterbury Bankstown in Sydney, should enjoy a great season this year. That is if last week's success by two of their most avid supporters is an omen.

Two ladies, both from the Western Suburbs, one from Melbourne, and other from Sydney, have shared the Pools Scoop prize and dividends totalling \$249,711-75.

Both said shortly after learning of their win that the most important thing the win meant was they would be able to buy themselves a nice home. But both were adamant that their new homes would still be in the Western Suburbs.

SYDNEY WINNER

Mrs Lylia Boucher is 75, has won \$124,633-20. Husband Claude is 80.

Mrs Boucher who lodged her entry under the syndicate name of 'Bulldogs' said:

"I'm thrilled, yet I'm stunned. It's just unbelievable that from now on, we won't have any more money worries."

"After getting over the initial shock, Claude and I danced, hugged and kissed each other."

Mr and Mrs Boucher, married for 49 years, have one married daughter and three grandchildren. Mr Boucher spent most of his working life with the railways.

MELBOURNE WINNER

Marion Wilson who has won \$125,078-55 is 51 and single. She lives with her widowed 81 year old mother.

"I just can't believe it," she said.

"I knew I had won something but only expected two or three hundred dollars. Now I can buy us a house. But it's got to be in this area. Mum and I have followed Footscray ever since I can remember. In fact I believe mum knows more about Footscray and the Footscray football club than anyone else around."

Now she can afford it, would she like to travel?

"Not overseas. But sometime in the future I would like to take a trip to Mildura because I can get to the pokies easily from there."

Marion has been on social service medical benefits since she had to give up work about 12 months ago because of bad health.

WINNING SELECTIONS

Lylia Boucher, a Virgo, won with a fifty cent game using numbers: 2 4 7 10 20 22 29 31 36 41 45.

Marion Wilson, a Pisces, on a system 12 entry, used numbers: 2 4 7 10 12 15 20 22 27 29 31 41.

BRITISH PLAYERS KEEN TO PLAY HERE

By David Jack

The steady trickle of British Soccer players wanting to come to Australia has increased rapidly in recent months.

Perhaps it is the depressed state of the game in the UK, or maybe a savage budget from the Thatcher government, or, possibly, just the lousy weather.

Whatever the reason, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, has had many requests from players who want to find Philips League clubs.

Here are some of the enquiries:—

STEVE GARNER. Age 22 married with no children. Playing now for Oldham Athletic in the second division as striker or midfielder. Had 50 first team games in last two and a half years since being transferred from Ipswich Town for \$20,000. Free transfer, able to travel immediately.

MARTIN McGRATH. Midfield or defence. Played seven times for England Schoolboys. Married, no children. Has F.A. coaching badge.

PHIL TAYLOR. Recently left York City (two years there) and Darlington where he played three years. Last season had 35 first team games. Will play anywhere. Aged 22, recently married. Weighs 11 stone and height 5 ft 10.

GEOFFREY HARROP. Age 19. Had one year as Soccer apprentice plus one year as professional. Captain of Colchester United reserves. Free transfer. Plays full-back or midfield. References are available.

STEVE EARL. Age 24. Single. Graduate of University of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Released by Scunthorpe United after playing full-time (striker)

JAMES GORDON. Now in third season with Scunthorpe United. Has played 60 League and Cup

games. Previously with Lincoln City, Luton Town and Blackpool. Played five times for England Schoolboys. Married, no children. Has F.A. coaching badge.

BOB OATES. Age 24. Played 250 first team games as midfielder or centre-half with Scunthorpe United. Available on loan from now until about September.

DANNY CAMERON. Given free clearance by Preston North End. Age 27. Born Dundee. Married with two children. More than 200 first team games with Sheffield Wednesday, Colchester United and Preston, mostly at full-back but also midfielder.

JEFF WOOD. Goalkeeper. Age 27. Height 6 ft 1 in. weight 11 stone.

for one and a half seasons. Made 40 first team appearances, scoring 10 goals.

KEITH LARNER. Age 20. Joined Sheffield United at 17 but spent most of his time in reserves due to the club having too many players in his position (midfield). Free transfer.

SHAUN PENDLETON. Played for Sheffield United and Scunthorpe United, mostly reserve team. Free transfer. Position full-back. Has F.A. coaching badge. Age 20.

JOHN DEMPSEY. Captain of Philadelphia Fury for past three years in USA. Formerly with Chelsea and Fulham. Keen to coach and play. Age 35. Position centre-half.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY will be happy to pass on addresses, phone numbers etc., of all the above players to clubs which might be interested. ASW will deal only with clubs — not with agents.

Write to David Jack, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, Sydney, NSW 2007.

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DIVISION 1	BIRMINGHAM	MIDDLESBRO'	1	1
	BRIGHTON	ARSENAL	2	2
	LEEDS	COVENTRY	3	1
	LEICESTER	ASTON VILLA	4	X
	MAN. UTD.	CRYSTAL P.	5	1
	NORWICH	MAN. CITY	6	X *
	SOUTH'PTON	NOTT'M FOR.	7	1
	SUNDERLAND	WOLVES	8	X
	TOTTENHAM	EVERTON	9	1
	WEST BROM.	IPSWICH	10	X *
DIVISION 2	BRISTOL C.	ORIENT	11	1
	CAMB'GE U.	BOLTON	12	1
	CHELSEA	CARDIFF	13	1
	PRESTON	OLDHAM	14	X *
	Q.P.R.	GRIMSBY	15	1
	SHEFF. WED.	LUTON	16	1
	SHREWSBURY	DERBY	17	X *
	SWANSEA	BLACKBURN	18	X *
	WATFORD	NEWCASTLE	19	1
	WEST HAM	BRISTOL R.	20	1
DIVISION 3	BURNLEY	SWINDON	21	1
	CARLISLE	PORTSMOUTH	22	X *
	CHARLTON	HUDDERSF'LD	23	X *
	CHESTER	BARNLEY	24	2
	CHESTERF'LD	FULHAM	25	1
	COLCHESTER	SHEFF. UTD.	26	1
	EXETER	READING	27	1
	MILLWALL	ROTHERHAM	28	2
	NEWPORT	BLACKPOOL	29	1
	OXFORD UTD.	BRENTFORD	30	1
DIVISION 4	PLYMOUTH	HULL	31	1
	ALDRERSHOT	BRADFORD C.	32	1
	BURY	TRANMERE	33	1
	HALIFAX	NORTH'PTON	34	2
	LINCOLN	HEREFORD	35	1
	MANSFIELD	ROCHDALE	36	1
	PORT VALE	PETERBORO'	37	2
	SCUNTHORPE	YORK	38	1
	WIGAN A.	BOURNEM'TH	39	1
	WIMBLEDON	DONCASTER	40	X *
SCOTTISH PREMIER	AIRDRIE	ST. MIRREN	41	1
	HEARTS	KILMARNOCK	42	1
	MORTON	ABERDEEN	43	2
	PARTICK	CELTIC	44	2
	RANGERS	DUNDEE UTD.	45	1
DIVISION 1	BERWICK	DUNF'MLINE	46	X *
	DUMBARTON	HAMILTON	47	1
	DUNDEE	ST. JOHNS'NE	48	X *
	E. STIRLING	AYR UTD.	49	X *
	HIBERNIAN	STIRLING A.	50	1
	MOTHERWELL	FALKIRK	51	1
	RAITH	CLYDEBANK	52	1
DIVISION 2	ALLOA	FORFAR	53	1
	BRECHIN	COWDENB'TH	54	1
	MEADOWB'K	ALBION R.	55	X *

Australian Soccer Weekly selections for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 7, 13, 15, 22, 28, 33, 39, 43, 51
SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 10, 12, 18, 27, 35, 41, 49, 52, 54

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

Adelaide's Croatia have made an overseas signing, who was due to arrive as this edition went to press.

He's Gary Sproul, a 23-year-old goalkeeper who was on West Ham's books.

He has signed a two-year contract with last year's State League champions, who are going through a rough start to the new season with defeats in the Ampol Cup semi-finals from Giants then being beaten by Beograd in the annual Charity Shield between the previous season's league and Cup champions.

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It looks ominous for Giants' Brian Northcote.

The strong-man midfielder again had to pull out of the team with hip trouble before the Philips Cup tie against Perth's Kingsway Olympic.

According to reports the pain in his hips comes from a back weakness caused by worn discs, and unless he rests and does special exercises between games Northcote becomes a half-game proposition.

This is what happened to him when he played in Sydney then went on to play in a trial for the Socceroos and had to be taken off the field.

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Preston Rams have signed ex-Crystal Palace, Everton and Wrexham striker Alan Whittle, who should fill the gap left through Gary Ward's broken leg. And Preston are still negotiating with another top name.

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Wollongong Wolves youth team has four 15 year old players who are good prospects. The standard of their leading opponents is quite strong, so they will have to build up with a few experienced men to avoid having the enthusiasm knocked right out of promising youngsters.

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Wollongong Wolves certainly have plenty of club spirit after a good start to their PSL career.

After beating Heidelberg 3-0, the players arrived back in Wollongong at 10.30 the same night to a great reception.

Chairman Laurie Kelly, secretary Richard Drake and about 80 supporters were there to applaud the players from their coach.

The players obviously appreciated this gesture. It was a fitting end to a great day for the new team.



PETER TREDINNICK

When Peter Tredinnick was transferred from Newcastle KB to Wollongong Wolves, a lot of people doubted the wisdom behind KB's decision to part.

Now coach Alan Vest provides the explanation: "On his day, Peter is a very good player and I didn't want to lose him. But the money he was offered by Wollongong was four times what we could afford. That is the only reason the player left us."

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Marconi full-back Peter Brogan has been suffering from a strange injury... infection from a heating lamp!

Brogan had the lamp on his leg when he fell asleep. He woke up to find a blister on the leg. This later became infected, causing the player to pull out of Marconi's first team squad.

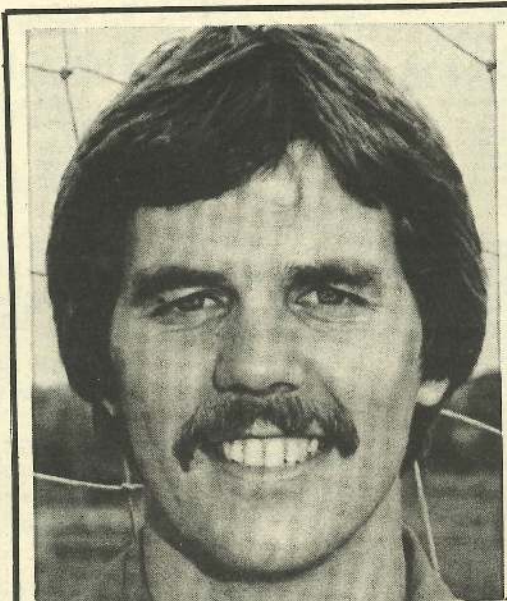
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Wollongong coach Ken Morton was taking no chances on Blacktown's defensive reputation when he prepared for Sunday game.

Morton arranged with Corrimal coach Wally Miller to play a special trial match on the Thursday night.

The Illawarra club agreed to play the trial with eight and sometimes nine men at the back, forcing Wollongong to find a way through to goal.

The experiment worked out quite well and was just another example of the harmony between ISA clubs and the Wollongong PSL board.



Ken Lindsay's prospects of making a comeback are not good.

The Marconi midfielder still has his leg in plaster after a second fracture and he is

not at the age when he could look forward keenly to getting back into the action.

The plaster should be off his leg in a month but this would be only the start of the long road to recovery.

Assistant national coach Les Scheinflug delivered a rocket to the Youth Socceroos in Giants' line-up the other week after watching them beat Kingsway Olympic 3-0.

Pointing the finger at Charlie Villani and David Mitchell, Scheinflug said: "I know they scored three goals between them, but their workrate was nothing like that expected of players in the national squad".

Players who want to play for Australia must give one hundred per cent every time they play, even if they are only taking part in a training game.

"When I see half-hearted efforts like I did today, I worry about what will happen in October when our team will be pitted against the world's best sides."

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Summer Soccer — is it a goer? One very high ranking official "unofficially" told an ASW correspondent last week that the summer competition had no chance of being instigated in time for the end of this year. Apparently the big drawback is the lack of adequate lighting at grounds to televise matches.

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Country players are starting to filter through into senior football. A case in point is Brisbane Lions' Lyall Brice, who comes from Beerwah, north of Brisbane, in the famed Glass House Mountains district.

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Don't know if it applies in other States, but clubs appear to be having difficulty in finding players to field in their Under 18 teams in South Australia.

At least two clubs reckon they will have to advertise for youngsters, and one official reported his club's senior reserve squad was packed with 16-year-olds, the oldest players being 23 and 20.

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Sydney Slickers shortage of fans produced this comment from Rale Rasic: "It's to be deplored. Slickers put more into Soccer than any team in Australia."

They are a model for every club and certainly deserve much more recognition than they're given by spectators.

"I can only assume that people who refuse to watch Slickers are not interested in watching top class Soccer. That's sad and it should worry everyone."

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With other clubs in a race to get guest players here from the UK Wollongong Wolves are content to rely on their current squad.

Coach Ken Morton feels the outlay involved in getting a player here for six weeks isn't really good value.

He says a club has to be certain they are getting the right type of player — not one who won't pull his weight during his "holidays".

"It also tends to unsettle the players who have been doing a good job for the club so far," Morton said.

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The Wollongong players recently had their bonus payments system changed so they now have an incentive to stay near the top of the table.

Previously they were paid an extra \$10 in home games for every 1000 spectators over 4000.

That has now been scrapped and the players are paid for their current position on the table.

If they could regain top spot, they find their wages go up \$40 with \$30 for second, \$20 for third and \$10 for fourth.

The more successful they are, the more money the club will pay out but it can only result in bigger crowds on the Coast.

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Wollongong Wolves fans showed they aren't too interested in watching their team play weaker opposition in the Philips Cup.

Only 815 fans turned up for the game against Downer Olympic which was played at Corrimal on a Saturday afternoon.

In the three previous PSL games, the lowest crowd had been 5,300.

There is currently a PSL drought in Wollongong with Sunday's game against Leichhardt the only home fixture in six weeks.

Not very good planning by the PSL when you consider the big impact the Wolves have made in their first season.

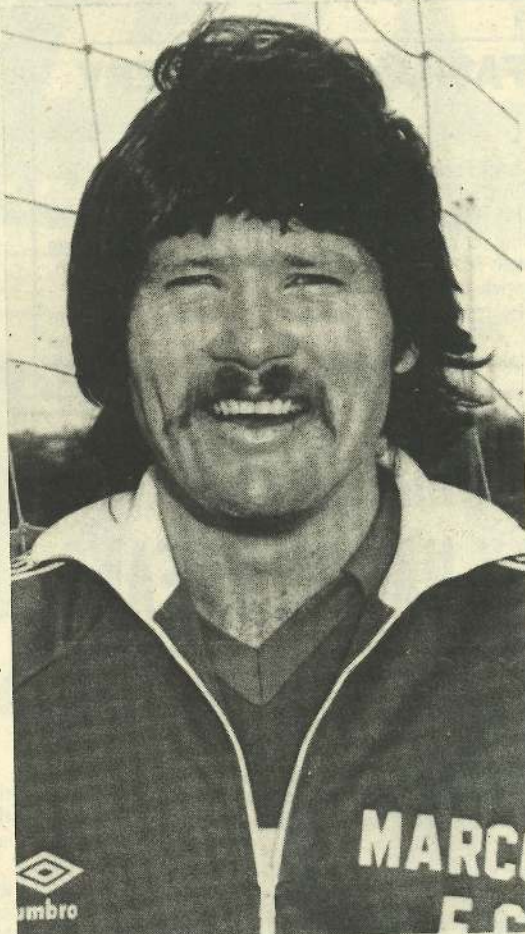
It also has had a detrimental affect on the club's finance.

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Nice move by Canberra Arrows as part of the International Year of Disabled Persons. The club has set aside a special area at Bruce Stadium exclusively for the disabled.

The area has some of the best views possible and members of the club's Feds' dinner group have drawn up a roster to help disabled fans to their seats.

A great idea. What about other clubs following suit?



PAUL DEGNEY

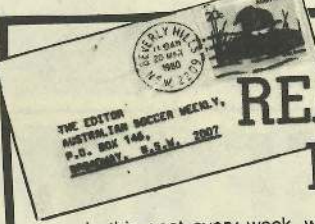
It has been a long drought for Marconi's star left-back, Paul Degney.

Degney made his comeback against Footscray last week after being about seven months out of Soccer.

Coach Raul Blanco said: "Paul came through that test very well and we're all hoping he is now fully recovered from his injury."

Blanco explained that Degney had a cartilage operation but, instead of being out of action for the usual two or three months, there was muscle trouble which hindered his recovery.

Pity Degney didn't make an earlier comeback. There could have been a ready-made spot for him in the Socceroo squad to play New Zealand... with the gap left by Jim Tansey's injury.



READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Isn't it ridiculous how clubs in the PSL mess about with their names?

When the Philips League, or ASF Marketing, christened the clubs again for 1981, it was clear the idea would flop.

You cannot force a football team to take a new name without causing resentment. So, as we read in ASW, officials of Adelaide clubs asked the Press not to use names like Giants and Hawks.

Now the PSL says there is no such name as Marconi Datsun. But Marconi says that is the correct name for their team. What on earth is going on?

If Soccer cannot even agree on the correct names of clubs in its premier competition, the code will never agree on more important things.

Let us PLEASE have clarification.

John Mills,
Parramatta.

Enclosed find one dollar for a copy of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY dated Tuesday, March 10 1981 (Vol 2 No. 44) and associated postage and handling costs. Unfortunately I was unable to obtain a copy of this issue and request that you send a copy to the above address at your earliest possible convenience.

Thanking you for your anticipated assistance and for producing a fine weekly paper about Australian Soccer.

Yours in Sport,
Leo Tottenham
Strathfield, N.S.W.




Coke adds life to Soccer

FASHANU'S MYSTERY ILLNESS

Justin Fashanu has recovered from a mystery illness which could have caused him to quit football. This consistent goalscorer went two months without getting a goal but never complained about feeling unwell. However, he lost a stone in weight and his club, Norwich called in a specialist.

The trouble seems to have cleared up but Fashanu says: "The illness — whatever it was — left me completely drained."

THOMAS HAMMERED BY HAMMERS FANS

Welsh referee Clive Thomas, one of the best in the world, is still copping plenty of stick for allowing Liverpool's goal in the League Cup Final at Wembley.

The match was drawn, which meant a replay (tomorrow) but it was clear that Liverpool's Sammy Lee was in an offside position when Alan Kennedy scored.

Our picture shows Lee (No. 8) on extreme right while West Ham players scream for an offside decision as Thomas points to the centre spot.

Referee Thomas says Lee was not interfering with the play.

Which brings back memories of a famous quote from former Liverpool manager Bill Shankley. Shanks said: "If a player is not interfering with the play, what on earth is he doing on the field?"



THESE ARE THE BEST BUYS OF 1980-81

A London newspaper has named the "six best transfer buys of the season."

Top of the list is Peter Withe, who joined Aston Villa

from Newcastle United for \$1,000,000. Other star buys



PETER WITHE

were... Garth Crooks (Stoke City to Spurs), Steve Archibald (Aberdeen to Spurs), Mick Robinson (Manchester City to Brighton), Gerry Gow (Bristol City to Manchester City) and Tommy Hutchinson (Coventry City to Manchester City).

Although some of these players cost huge fees, the case of Tommy Hutchinson indicates you don't need a fortune to buy genuine talent.

Hutchinson said:

"I had eight good years at Coventry and they obviously thought I was finished."

So the Scottish international went to Maine Road for a "giveaway" figure of only \$100,000.

A GREAT IPSWICH TREBLE

Ipswich Town picked up an unprecedented "hat trick" when results of voting for the "player of the year" awards were made known.

Midfielder John Wark won first prize. Runner-up was Frans Thijssen and third place went to Paul Mariner.

Voting is done by players themselves. This contest should not be confused with the more traditional, and much older, "player of the year" trophy voted on by members of the Football Writers Association.

No team has ever supplied the top three players before... in any contest.

TREVOR FRANCIS WANTS TO GO

There has been another bust-up between Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough and his star forward Trevor Francis.

It ended with Francis storming out of Clough's office and a spate of rumours that he would be put on the transfer list.

Clough, however, says Francis will not be allowed to leave.

As England's first \$2,000,000 player, Francis holds a special place in Clough's affections. But he DID ask for a move after his blow-up with Clough.

The Forest boss insists the player will not kick a ball for any other team until the end of his contract with Forest.

Yet, only a few months ago, Clough was prepared to sell the seriously-injured Francis to Barcelona in Spain.

HE DOESN'T SEE RED!

English clubs were, in the main, delighted when the red and yellow card system was scrubbed.

But George Kirby, manager of Halifax Town, seems the odd man out. He's just had four players suspended and he blames it on over-zealous referees. Kirby insists the card system should not have been abandoned!



TREVOR FRANCIS



HEADLINE HERO SHUNS IPSWICH

Chris Woods became a headline hero in 1978 when he helped Nottingham Forest win the League Cup Final at Wembley with a super exhibition of goalkeeping.

After that, Woods faded from the scene and Forest sold him to Queens Park Rangers.

Now Woods has turned down the chance of another Wembley appearance by refusing to move to high-flying Ipswich Town.

Ipswich boss Bobby Robson said: "I need cover for my goalie, Paul Cooper I had a long talk with Woods and explained that, if anything happened to Cooper, he would be in line for a Cup Final place — assuming we get over Manchester City in the semi-final."

"The boy said he preferred to go to Norwich City although I must say I cannot understand his reasoning."

ROBSON SHOWS HIS HAND

If offered the job of managing England, Bobby Robson of Ipswich Town would be very interested.

Robson admitted it, even though he knows it will distress the Ipswich fans who regard him as the greatest club boss of all time.

Said Robson: "England managership? Yes,

I would want to be considered if the post becomes available. After all, it is THE top job in the game.

SAD TO SEE YOU GO

The \$1,000,000 transfer of Peter Nicholas from Crystal Palace to Arsenal distresses Dario Gradi, the Palace manager, despite all that lovely cash.

Gradi said: "It was with great reluctance that I allowed Peter to leave; he was the Palace player I most admired. But I could not deny him his opportunity with Arsenal."

UK SOCCER

ENGLISH DIV 1													
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	34	14	4	0	42	9	7	5	3	28	19	52	39
Aston Villa	35	13	3	1	33	11	9	4	5	27	22	51	35
Notre City	36	14	1	3	42	19	3	9	6	15	19	44	34
Southampton	37	14	3	24	21	4	5	9	24	23	44	33	
W.B.A.	38	11	4	2	29	11	5	6	19	24	43	32	
Liverpool	39	11	5	1	34	13	3	6	7	21	25	42	
Arsenal	40	10	7	0	29	14	3	7	8	20	27	40	
Tottenham	41	9	7	2	39	25	5	5	23	31	40	39	
Man Utd	42	6	11	1	26	13	4	7	8	18	22	38	
Birmingham	43	10	4	2	29	19	2	7	8	16	29	35	
Leeds Utd	44	8	3	6	13	19	6	4	8	18	26	35	
Stoke	45	6	8	4	25	20	3	8	7	17	32	34	
Middlesbrough	46	12	4	1	34	12	2	1	15	13	36	33	
Man City	47	9	5	4	28	20	3	4	10	18	29	32	
Everton	48	7	6	5	28	21	5	1	10	19	25	31	
Sunderland	49	9	4	5	28	16	3	3	12	18	30	31	
Wolver	50	12	1	6	23	15	1	7	10	14	31	30	
Coventry	51	8	5	5	28	26	3	3	12	16	34	30	
Brighton	52	3	7	3	26	24	3	2	1	12	19	39	
Leicester	53	6	4	8	15	17	5	0	13	13	37	26	
Norwich	54	7	7	4	29	22	2	0	16	10	45	25	
Crystal Pal	55	5	4	9	28	30	0	2	16	12	41	16	

ENGLISH DIV 2													
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	35	16	1	1	47	12	6	8	3	18	15	53	33
Notts City	36	9	6	2	22	12	6	8	4	17	20	44	31
Grimby	37	10	7	1	20	4	4	6	7	19	24	41	30
Blackburn	38	10	7	1	24	7	3	8	6	13	20	41	30
Barnley	39	8	7	2	29	21	6	7	6	17	23	39	29
Sheff Wed	40	8	6	4	27	10	6	4	8	19	23	38	29
Sheff Utd	41	8	6	4	30	21	6	4	8	18	18	38	29
Sheff Wed	42	12	4	1	30	9	3	4	10	13	27	38	29
O.P.R.	43	12	1	5	28	17	4	5	8	15	29	38	29
Swansea	44	10	3	4	31	16	3	4	8	18	22	37	29
Newcastle	45	9	5	3	16	10	2	6	9	8	27	35	28
Orient	46	8	6	3	27	15	4	4	10	16	28	34	28
Watford	47	11	4	3	30	17	1	5	11	12	24	33	28
Bolton	48	9	4	5	27	22	3	3	12	16	35	31	28
Wrexham	49	3	7	6	14	29	7	4	7	19	18	31	28
Oldham	50	6	8	1	17	14	3	5	10	16	30	31	28
Shrewsbury	51	7	6	5	27	19	1	8	9	9	22	30	28
Cardiff	52	7	5	5	20	18	3	4	11	18	35	29	28
Preston	53	7	6	4	24	20	1	6	11	8	34	28	28
Walsley City	54	5	8	5	15	13	0	4	12	13	31	24	28
Bristol R	55	4	8	6	19	20	1	4	13	12	35	22	28

ENGLISH DIV 3													
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton	39	13	5	1	32	12	10	3	7	25	22	54	34
Rotherham	40	14	5	0	36	6	5	7	16	21	50	39	34
Huddersfield	41	12	5	2	29	7	4	8	6	24	21	47	34
Barnsley	42	11	4	2	36	17	6	9	4	22	21	47	34
Chesterfield	43	14	2	2	34	12	5	5	10	25	28	45	34
Portsmouth	44	13	3	3	31	15	6	3	10	16	25	44	34
Bury	45	12	3	4	32	17	4	8	8	16	22	43	34
Reading	46	11	5	4	34	18	4	5	10	17	31	42	34
Exeter	47	8	6	5	30	26	7	3	8	24	26	39	34
Milwall	48	10	8	2	30	18	3	5	12	11	35	39	34
Brentford	49	8	7	4	30	25	4	6	11	18	34	35	34
Chester	50	10	4	6	21	13	4	5	10	10	23	37	34
Fulham	51	9	7	6	24	24	5	5	9	24	30	36	34
Carlisle	52	8	7	4	30	25	4	4	11	18	34	35	34
Colchester	53	11	6	3	34	19	2	3	14	10	36	35	34
Sheff Utd	54	11	5	3	34	16	2	3	14	24	39	34	34
Oxford	55	9	7	8	16	22	6	5	8	16	20	34	34
Gillingham	56	7	6	6	20	18	3	8	9	24	37	34	34
Walsley	57	7	8	5	19	13	4	4	11	13	28	34	34
Newport	58	7	5	6	27	19	4	6	10	23	31	33	34
Swindon	59	9	4	7	31	26	3	5	10	13	25	33	34
Blackpool	60	4	7	9	17	27	4	4	12	24	42	27	34
Hull	61	5	6	7	17	18	1	6	13	16	46	24	34

ENGLISH DIV 4														
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Southend	40	18	2	0	44	4	9	3	8	27	23	59	39	
Luton	41	12	7	1	41	11	9	4	4	30	11	55	35	
Doncaster	42	12	4	3	30	19	7	6	6	21	24	44	34	
Peterborough	43	10	6	4	34	19	6	7	7	27	29	44	34	
Manchester	44	12	3	4	30	10	7	3	10	20	24	44	34	
Wimbledon	45	11	4	3	33	12	4	4	5	29	27	44	34	
Accrington	46	12	7	1	25	7	5	6	10	13	26	44	34	
Darlington	47	10	5	4	36	20	6	5	9	21	30	42	34	
Bournemouth	48	4	9	7	4	28	12	6	5	9	14	23	42	34
Harlepool	49	11	3	6	34	22	6	5	9	21	34	42	34	
Wigan	50	11	4	5	28	14	4	5	10	19	29	39	34	
Torquay	51	12	1	5	34	19	5	3	12	17	34	38	34	
Bradford	52	9	8	4	25	20	4	6	9	18	31	38	34	
Rochdale	53	10	4	5	38	23	4	5	10	18	39	37	34	
Crewe	54	9	6	6	28	21	3	7	9	23	36	37	34	
Scunthorpe	55	6	11	3	31	25	2	8	10	16	29	36	34	
Bury	56	8	6	4	27	16	5	2	13	25	27	34	34	
Port Vale	57	9	5	5	36	20	2	5	12	15	43	32	34	
Stockport	58	7	5	8	25	24	5							
Tannmere	59	10	4	4	32	16	1	4	15	16	43	30	30	
Hatfield	60	7	10	25	31	8	10	15	23	27	40	25	25	
York	38	9	2	8	29	17	1	6	12	9	35	28	28	
Harleford	37	6	7	6	24	18	1	4	13	6	39	24	24	

SCOTTISH PREM DIV													
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	30	11	7	3	40	17	11	1	2	3	14	47	47
Aberdeen	29	8	3	2	32	13	7	6	3	19	9	30	30
Rangers	31	10	4	4	25	18	8	3	3	11	14	48	48
Rangers	32	9	3	2	29	8	7	6	2	12	37	44	44
St Mirren	30	6	6	3	20	17	7	2	6	24	25	34	34
Airdrie	31	5	5	5	15	19	4	4	8	16	23	27	27
Partick	30	6	5	5	16	15	3	4	7	2	22	25	25
Motherwell	31	8	2	5	20	19	5	3	3	10	22	32	32
Kilmarnock	31	3	4	1	14	30	1	3	11	6	32	15	15
Hearts	30	2	4	10	8	25	1	2	10	15	32	14	14

SCOTTISH DIV 1													
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hibernian	34	11	3	2	40	19	10	4	4	28	14	49	49
Raith	33	11	6	1	25	19	8	3	4	21	12	47	47
St Johnstone	35	10	3	5	28	21	8	7	2	30	18	46	46
Dundee	33	11	4	2	35	16	6	7	3	18	20	41	41
Dundee	34	10	5	3	25	15	7	5	2	25	15	40	40
Motherwell	32	12	4	1	38	15	7	5	7	16	28	39	39
Hamilton	35	8	5	5	34	24	5	2	10	20	38	33	33
Falkirk	35	7	4	6	22	24	5	4	9	13	17	32	32
Dundarona	33	10	3	3	19	24	7	3	19	24	27	27	27
E Shiring	31	3	7	4	14	16	2	5	8	17	28	24	24
Clydebank	30	8	5	5	24	25	2	5	8	13	25	24	24
Stirling A	33	4	6	7	13	17	2	4	10	5	24	22	22
Dunfermline	32	4	1	10	11	23	4	4	1	11	27	21	21
Berwick	33	4	6	7	16	25	4	0	12	11	48	18	18

SCOTTISH DIV 2													
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ousens Park	34	10	7	2	27	17	5	9	3	18	22	42	42
Clyde	34	10	4	4	28	19	8	7	4	28	21	41	41
Brechin	33	8	6	2	25	15	4	6	6	20	18	36	36
Queen O' South	37	6	7	4	26	27	5	6	4	23	19	36	36
Downbeath	29	4	3	2	27	14	4	5	6	20	18	34	34
Cowden	33	9	3	3	35	22	4	6	2	21	30	34	34
Albion	33	2	8	7	13	27	6	3	7	17	27	27	27
Forfar	32	7	3	6	27	29	5	6	6	21	21	33	33
Albion R	34	6	3	7	34	37	4	5	7	25	25	32	